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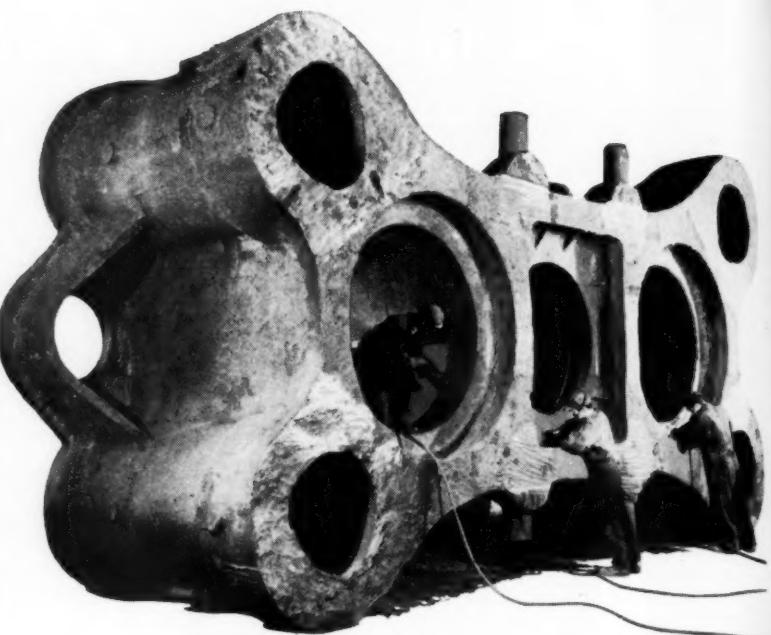


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Victory of Fireman's Fund on Appeal in FTC Case Regarded as First Significant Court Opinion on Important Jurisdiction Issue

U. S. ninth circuit court of appeals at San Francisco has unanimously ruled that a federal district court erred in ordering Fireman's Fund Indemnity to submit A&S advertising material to J. Earl Cox, hearing examiner of the Federal Trade Commission. This decision is seen as a significant one on the issue of FTC jurisdiction.

Fireman's Fund, charged by FTC with false and misleading A&S advertising, refused a request to submit its advertising material for inspection. The company subsequently resisted a FTC subpoena ordering President James F. Crafts to submit the material to Examiner Cox. FTC then obtained an order from the federal district court to require Mr. Crafts to appear with the material before the examiner. The company appealed the order to the appeals court.

Mr. Crafts appealed the order on grounds that FTC lacked jurisdiction and that the A&S exhibits demanded were not relevant to any inquiry within the commission's jurisdiction. He said the company is closely regulated in all advertising by California, even for business conducted outside the state.

Judge Fee, who wrote the appeals court opinion, did not rule in the

broadest possible way on jurisdiction under the McCarran act because the court was not asked to do so. However, he doubted the right of the FTC to demand the advertising material and held that the lower court should not have upheld the subpoena. He noted that the proceeding to endorse the subpoena was initiated to gain complete disclosure of all company A&S records without settling the question of FTC authority to investigate the company in this proceeding.

The trial judge apparently accepted the claim, Judge Fee wrote, that the district court had no jurisdiction to consider whether the commission had the power to investigate Fireman's Fund at all. FTC urged the appeals court to accept FTC's interpretation of its own claimed power to make the investigation, with the breadth of it to be reviewed when the final order in the main proceeding is attacked. The appeals court rejected this limitation on the trial court's jurisdiction.

Since FTC was asking for relief of an affirmative nature, it was up to the commission to establish affirmatively its legal power to act in the field, among other essentials, Judge Fee said.

Judge Fee said the district court erred on these grounds: That it refused to consider the scope of authority of FTC, the relevancy of the testimony or documents to any inquiry which FTC had the authority to conduct and the arbitrary nature of the demand considering that Congress may have prohibited action or at least closely circumscribed action in this field of interstate commerce by the commission.

He said the district court must consider not only its own jurisdiction, but also the authority of any agency to act which seeks relief before it. The idea that a fiat of an administrative agency stating authority to act in a particular field is sacrosanct is illusory, he held.

"That there are limitations upon the power of the commission in this field is beyond all doubt," Judge Fee said. "It is apparently conceded by everyone that the agency had no power to inquire into the advertising of this corporation in the state of California . . . it is also stated by counsel that the agency has no interest in discovery as to this area. But this court cannot consider this as a supposition or admission. The trial court enforced the subpoena as it read without qualification or exception. This was in error."

Commenting on the court's action, James F. Crafts, president of Fireman's Fund Indemnity, said: "Fireman's Fund has believed from the start that the business of insurance is regulated by state laws and therefore that the FTC has no jurisdiction. We believe this to be the intent of Public Law 15, and that it only can be interpreted as limiting the commission to regulating the business of insurance, only 'to the extent that such business is not regulated by state law.'"

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Schlesinger Retires, Springfield Names Eight in Promotions

Frank A. Schlesinger, chairman of Springfield F&M group, is retiring April 1 at his own request.

In other changes announced at the annual meeting Tuesday, Lyman A. McIntyre, resident assistant vice-president at Chicago, was elected vice-



F. A. Schlesinger



L. A. McIntyre

president and will transfer to the home office; H. Philip Chapman Jr., financial secretary, was advanced to investment vice-president; Irving J. Cordiner, treasurer, was elected assistant vice-president and treasurer; Frank W. Spalding Jr., resident secretary at Chicago, was elected resident assistant vice-president there; H. Robert Van Gaasbeck and Richard M. Linton, superintendents, were elected assistant treasurers, and Dean S. Lightfoot, superintendent, was elected resident assistant secretary at Chicago. The same changes were made for the affiliated New England.

Julius H. Appleton, Springfield attorney, was elected a director.

Mr. Schlesinger joined Springfield F&M in 1907 in the statistical department. Of his 49 years with the company, 38 have been in an official capacity. He was elected assistant treasurer in 1919; treasurer in 1928; vice-president and director in 1942; executive vice-president in 1953, and chairman in 1955. He has been in the financial and investment part of the business since becoming a director, and has seen the investment portfolio increase from approximately \$32 mil-

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Bond Producers at Convention Review Current Problems

Hear Navy, Army and Other U. S. Representatives on Values in Bonding

WASHINGTON—Meeting here, where many of its problems and much of its business originate, National Assn. of Surety Bond Producers at its annual convention got a top-level survey of current business conditions and government procedures by several speakers. About 300 leading surety bond producers from over the country, surety company executives and government officials attended. President Carl Dauksch of Columbus, O., was in the chair.

Dallas Smith of Dallas was elected president, William R. Phillips of Birmingham, Ala., and William Reutter of Detroit, vice-presidents, and nine regional vice-presidents—A. L. Carr of New York, Donald H. Denton of Charlotte, N. C., Jack East of Little Rock, T. C. Field III of St. Paul, Morton Gray of Cambridge, Mass., James H. McKee of Nashville, Joe H. Miller of San Francisco, Victor Risley of Portland, Ore., and C. H. Ritter of Denver. New members of the executive committee are S. Hammond Story of Atlanta, Walter Shilling of Washington, Malcolm Dunlap of Auburn, Me., Morris Moughon of Nashville, Robert Cope of Milwaukee, and Melvin H. Taylor of Los Angeles.

In his annual report, H. Phelps Smith, executive director, deplored the tendency on the part of some general contractors engaged in the building construction business, to reach for a share of the gigantic federal patronage, by undertaking to bid on highway construction jobs with the essential experience.

Mr. Smith recommended that the association be expanded by the addition of other qualified producers in all the states so as to more directly represent those who handle a large per-

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Late News Bulletins . . .

Lawton Is President of Security Group

G. Albert Lawton, executive vice-president of Security-Connecticut Life, has been elected president of Security, Connecticut Indemnity and the life company. He succeeds Norton Simon, Los Angeles financier, who has served as president since the retirement of president Peter J. Berry last Dec. 31.

Mr. Lawton formerly was with Aetna Life from 1939 on, as agent, general agent, supervisor, instructor in the home office schools, in charge of sales promotion nationally, and a director of agencies.

Edgar J. Doolittle Jr., executive vice-president of Security, has resigned that post to go on the staff of Mr. Simon in Los Angeles. He continues as a director of Security companies.

Suggests Extending FTC Powers

WASHINGTON—Apparently sensing that the courts may have a different idea of Federal Trade Commission jurisdiction over A&S advertising than the

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More Than 500 Gain "Better Knowledge for Better Service" at Cleveland I-Day

More than 500 Ohio agents attended Cleveland Insurance Day Monday. "Better Knowledge for Better Service" was the theme of the program, which was again sponsored by Insurance Board of Cleveland.

After greetings by President Paul R. Whitbeck of the Cleveland Board and keynote remarks by Ohio Director of Commerce Oliver P. Bolton, a panel discussion of "Current Events in the Insurance Business" moderated by Joseph E. Comtois, president, was presented by Cleveland chapter of CPCU.

David A. Langner, North America, discussed atomic energy insurance. Insurance helps to develop peacetime atomic energy, he said, since industry cannot afford to spend the tremendous sums needed to construct and operate atomic power plants unless insurance is available to cover damage to plant, loss of use, public liability and employers liability in case of disaster. Mr. Langner also mentioned the increasing use of radioactive isotopes in medicine, industry and agriculture, and noted the continuing need for insurance research along these lines.

Richard S. Murray, Aetna Fire, predicted an early filing in Ohio of an industrial property form, in his talk on multiple peril manufacturing forms. Rather than an all-risk form, the new package would cover buildings, personal property and improvements and betterments on a multiple specified peril basis. Exclusions will closely follow the commercial property policy, Mr. Murray indicated, incorporating a \$100 deductible not applicable to certain perils. Rates will be the sum of specific rates for fire, extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief and sprinkler leakage, plus a charge for burglary and robbery. Credits will be allowed for size of premium and spread of risk.

The new form will be for large risks only, he said, having a minimum annual premium of \$5,000 for personal property and \$10,000 for both personal and real property. A modified form for smaller risks may become available in the future.

Edwin J. Sealy, Davis & Dissette agency of Cleveland, reviewed multiple peril non-manufacturing forms now available, including coverages and

exclusions, and summarized agency difficulties at present.

Harold W. Early, Wilkinson-Todd agency, pointed out that neither compulsory nor unsatisfied judgment funds solve the problem of reducing accidents or removing irresponsible drivers. The uninsured motorist endorsement, available from most companies under the title "family protection coverage," protects the responsible citizen against financial loss caused by the uninsured motorist, he asserted, but he emphasized that no insurance is a substitute for loose licensing requirements, understaffed enforcement agencies, lack of driver training, poor driving conditions or faulty accident prevention.

After short remarks at luncheon by Ohio Superintendent Vorys, John W. Hemphill, vice-president of Ohio Assn. of Insurance Agents, and Law Director Ralph S. Locher, Hugh D. Combs, senior executive vice-president of U.S.F.&G., discussed the need for harder selling in insurance.

Mr. Combs noted that the recent trend of corporate profits has been static or slightly down, resulting from a combination of rising costs and consumer resistance, and causing declining stock market values, often a source of alarm to those accustomed to a continually rising market. At such times, agents should urge increases in limits, Mr. Combs said, since the average policyholder finds it more difficult to amass savings for replacement of property or to pay damages. He referred to the current advertising program of the National which is designed to stimulate the purchase of insurance to value.

"The agent can no longer depend on his friends to give him their insurance business with no questions asked," Mr. Combs explained. "He must prove that his insurance is better than that of the 'cut-raters,' he must give real assistance when the policies are written and when trouble arises." No attempt should be made to compete on price with an inferior product, he advised, recommending that the agent take care of all of a client's needs where possible, in view of the perils of piecemeal purchasing.

During the afternoon seminar on "New Markets", Donald H. Bunt, Roy-



Leaders of Insurance Day, sponsored by Cleveland Board; from the left, Robert O. Dorsey, associate chairman; Paul D. Cousineau, associate chairman, and Paul R. Goldenbogen, chairman. Photographed by R. Watson Moon, Ohio state agent of Pacific of New York group.

al-Globe group, characterized the office contents special form as "top floor quality at bargain basement prices." He analyzed coverages available and interpreted various sections frequently misunderstood by producers. Mr. Bunt also called attention to the small premium difference between the broad form storekeepers policy and the older form and suggested conversion of all old-style forms to the new contract to protect storekeepers business now on agency books.

Maurice G. Herndon, Washington representative of National Assn. of Insurance Agents, also discussed the status of the federally-sponsored flood insurance program.

Sales and agency advertising techniques were reviewed at the final meeting of the day. L. V. Irvine, educational director of Travelers, stressed the need for knowledge of the product and pleaded for simplified sales presentations, recommending that agents speak in terms of loss exposure, not coverage. The agent also must evaluate the exposures and recommend coverages in their order of importance to the buyer.

The real function of advertising is to precondition the buyer and should not be expected to produce immediate sales returns without further effort by the agent, stated Alwin E. Bulau, advertising manager of Home. Direct mail advertising is the medium best adapted for agency use, he said, but the use of shoe leather is a necessary concomitant, no matter what medium is utilized.

Properly designed advertising programs lessen sales resistance, he explained, and effective use of the agency advertising dollar can be obtained by tying in local advertising with national campaigns, specifically with the National Board's current campaign.

Harry E. McClain, executive secretary of Indiana Assn. of Insurance Agents spoke on sales techniques as especially adapted to meet current business conditions.

General chairman of the day's activities was Paul R. Goldenbogen.



Leaders of Cleveland Insurance Day photographed by R. Watson Moon, Ohio state agent of Pacific of New York group, just before the I-Day festivities: From the left, Paul R. Whitbeck, president of the Cleveland Board; Joseph H. Bishop Jr., board executive secretary, and Paul R. Goldenbogen, general chairman of I-Day.

Hot Hearing on Bill To Permit Casualty Deviations in Texas

Hearings on the bill in Texas to provide for "flexible" rates on automobile and other casualty lines were held before a packed house last week in Austin. Sen. Bracewell of the senate insurance committee, presided.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Secret, is strongly endorsed by National Assn. of Independent Insurers. It would allow companies to deviate. It is substantially the model all-industry bill for casualty rating and is designed to replace the making of rates by the insurance department.

Opposition to the measure comes from Assn. of Texas Fire & Casualty Companies, American Mutual Alliance and the agents' associations.

Keith Kelly of Fort Worth, speaking for National Assn. of Independent Insurers, said the overwhelming majority of the 376 members of NAII, with 600,000 policyholders in Texas, favor the bill. Except for a few changes to make it mesh with Texas law, he said it is the same model all-industry bill drawn up by NAIC and 19 trade associations. The bill would give the department full power to see that rates filed by companies are adequate without being excessive. It would not cause insolvency, as some have contended, Mr. Kelly said, asking whether objections are based on "a concern for the public, or an unreasoning fear of a little healthy competition."

Paul Edwards, executive vice-president of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty of Jackson, Miss., said the bill, as used in other states, has not caused rate wars or produced a multiplicity of policy forms. To the charge that it would cause chaos, he said if there is chaos anywhere in insurance it is in Texas right now. Deviations at the outset of the policy year under the proposed bill would be greater than the dividends now being paid in Texas. One company which deviates 25% in Louisiana pays only 20% in dividends in Texas on auto policies, he observed. He said the "guaranteed profit law" of Texas attracts into the casualty business incapable persons.

J. M. Riley, president of Transport of Dallas, whose company operates in 37 states, said Texas policyholders pay 15 to 20% more for insurance, have a lesser incentive for safety programs and have to compete with truck lines carrying lower rates. He introduced Frank Rawlings, counsel for Red Ball Motor Freight, who read a prepared statement saying broader protection is available in other states and that Red Ball's insurance is costing \$75,000 a year more than it costs its competitors in other states.

Rufus Huntsiker of Huntsiker Trucking, said in 1953 his company started a safety plan and put on retrospective rating. In 1955 the company won the national award for the best safety program, but the rate went up 10% in Texas in 1956.

Col. R. E. Joseph of United Services Automobile of San Antonio, which specializes in automobile coverage for officers in the armed services, said his company discounts 20% in all states except Texas, and last year added a 30% dividend to the discount, but in Texas the dividend books must be kept separately and figured separately, and

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Questions New Okla. Non-Canc A&S Ruling Allowing Some Changes

The recent Oklahoma non-cancellable A&S ruling was questioned by James L. Moorfield, assistant counsel of Paul Revere Life and Massachusetts Protective, in an appearance before Massachusetts legislative insurance study commission at its meeting in Boston. The commission was directed by the Massachusetts legislature to study a number of insurance problems, including cancellation of A&S policies.

Mr. Moorfield said the ruling would permit a change in coverage provisions and re-underwriting merely on other than an individual basis. It thus does not appear limited to changes on a class basis, and would seem to permit changes on two or more policies or on a family basis. He said such changes could be in the risk or in the benefits, as well as in the premiums. This would mean that specific conditions, as cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments or atomic poisoning, could be ridered out on other than an individual basis. Similarly, the benefits could be cut 10% or 70% or some other percent. A policy with these permissible limitations and providing also for a change in premium, benefit and risk would leave only the shell of a non-cancellable policy and should not be called non-cancellable or guaranteed renewable, he added.

The principal clause of the Oklahoma ruling issued over the signature of Horace G. Rhodes, assistant commissioner, is as follows: "Noncancelable accident and health policies are deemed to be those policies which cannot be cancelled by the insurer and which are guaranteed renewable to at least age 55 or for at least five years if issued at ages in excess of 49, and in which the insurer is precluded from changing coverage provisions or otherwise reunderwriting on an individual basis after the effective dates of such policies and while they are in force."

Mr. Moorfield suggested to the commission that it await the completion of the study of non-cancellable definitions by the A&S subcommittee of National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners. The chairman of this subcommittee is Director Pansing of Nebraska.

Mr. Moorfield pointed out that the ruling completely reversed a previous ruling issued a few months ago that had outlawed entirely the writing of the adjustable premium policy. Now Oklahoma graces a weaker form of that policy which it had said was "inequitable to the policyholders and are ripe for misrepresentation in the marketing thereof" with the title of non-cancellable, he added.

He referred to Massachusetts as the cradle of policyholder disability security, especially in the field of non-can. He expressed confidence in the Massachusetts department as lending encouragement to A&S of all kinds—cancelable, non-cancelable, and modified forms of each—and as doing so in the public interest. A non-can policy should guarantee the premium, the benefits, the risk covered and the continuing rights, Mr. Moorfield stated.

Kill UJF in Mont., But Plan Premium Tax Boost

BUTTE—The Montana senate has killed a proposed unsatisfied judgment bill, but not without some editorializing in the news columns of a

few of the local papers. One of the reports of the death of the bill said it "met the same fate all progressive legislation has met in the 1957 senate. The insurance company lobby had done its work well and the bill wasn't allowed to reach third reading."

The Montana house, however, has passed a bill to increase the premium tax to 2½% of gross premiums instead of 2%. This is in addition to the license fee of \$22.50 for each \$1,000 of business. The proposal would bring the state an additional \$300,000 annually, and is part of a large number of revenue bills to pass the house.

Ohio Casualty Has Gains in 1956

Ohio Casualty group's year-end statement shows an increase in surplus to \$23,445,943, a gain of \$2,149,456. Assets reached \$67,240,382, an increase of \$1,418,300.

Net premiums written in 1956 totalled \$50,581,540 as compared with \$47,955,119 in 1955, and the net underwriting gain for 1956 was \$536,392 and total net income after taxes was \$1,433,447.

Asks McConnell To Disqualify Self In WC Hearings

Assemblyman John A. O'Connell of San Francisco, according to the Sacramento bureau of the San Francisco Examiner, has made a public demand that Commissioner McConnell disqualify himself from conducting public hearings on the proposal of a group of workmen's compensation companies to activate ruling 67, permitting the writing of a premium discount plan and other retrospective plans, approved in 1951 by former Commissioner Maloney. Commissioner McConnell represented California participating WC writing companies in opposing the original proposals and then conducted the litigation which held up operation of Mr. Maloney's ruling permitting premium discounts to risks producing more than \$1,000 annual premium, five years and finally decided in favor of Mr. Maloney's approval by the California supreme court.

Commissioner McConnell was quoted by state newspapers to the effect

that he was going to disapprove the new proposals regardless of the supreme court's decision upholding ruling 67. His position was brought out at hearings on these and other proposals for changes in WC manual rules, etc., March 6 and 7 and being continued in Los Angeles March 13.

In San Francisco, after the news "broke" it was reported that a member of the legislature planned to offer an amendment to a pending bill by assemblyman Munnell, chairman of the interim committee on finance and insurance which conducted the recent investigation of the system of distributing commissions on the state's automobile fleet insurance among a list of "favored" brokers and agents. This bill by Munnell is designed to prevent any member of the legislature from profiting in this manner on the "conflict of interests" theory. According to a close observer at the legislature the proposed amendment would seek to regulate appointment of an insurance commissioner to avoid "any conflict of interest" and endeavor to have restrictions placed upon other state appointive or elected officials.

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"B" offers an option of all-risk or broad form named-peril coverage for personal property, scheduled and un-

scheduled. It furnishes 100% coverage at secondary residences. Other features are a full \$1,000 limit for unscheduled jewelry and furs, indemnity for loss of household pets on premises, and food locker spoilage.

Coverage "C" extends full auto physical damage protection to the whole of North America.

"D" consists of two parts—Part one grants comprehensive personal liability protection with a double limit feature; part two affords complete auto liability coverage anywhere in North America.

"E" provides three standard A&S coverages: Monthly indemnity for accident disability, accidental death, and accidental dismemberment.

The policy is written for a five-year term. Premiums are payable annually.

The "FPP" is presently being sold in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Filings have been made in a number of other states. Continental-National group hope to make the policy available on a country-wide basis.

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Bringing Out New Package for Crime

National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and Surety Assn. of America have filed, where filing is necessary, a blanket crime policy, a new package contract with a single limit of insurance applying to all its coverages, with a proposed effective date of May 29.

The new policy provides coverage for employee dishonesty, loss inside the premises, loss outside the premises, money orders and counterfeit paper currency, and depositors' forgery. None of these may be eliminated.

The insuring agreements of the new policy afford coverage comparable with that afforded under the corresponding insuring agreements, as newly revised, of the commercial blanket bond, money and securities broad form policy, money orders and counterfeit paper currency, depositors forgery bond and form A of the comprehensive dishonesty, disappearance and destruction policy. These revisions will become effective at the same time as the blanket crime policy.

While form A of the 3-D provided optional coverages, permitting insured to select the amounts desired, the blanket crime policy must be sold as a package with a single amount of insurance applying to the policy in its entirety.

The new policy is designed for those who prefer to buy coverages in a single amount rather than to select varying amounts, which is usually the case under other contracts. As its name indicates, it is a blanket policy and covers all employees, locations and messengers of insured.

Insured desiring to purchase an additional protection of the type covered under a specified insuring agreement may buy excess insurance under a separate bond or policy.

Ineligible for the coverage are federal or other public officials, their deputies or employees, any organization eligible for a bankers or brokers blanket bond, insurance company blanket bond or small loan company blanket bond, and armored car companies.

The minimum amount permissible under the policy is \$1,000. Larger amounts may be bought in multiples of \$500 above the minimum of \$1,000 up to \$2,500, multiples of \$2,500 above \$2,500 up to \$25,000 and multiples of \$5,000 in excess of \$25,000.

Under the loss inside the premises insuring agreement, coverage is newly afforded for loss of money and securities, including securities in safe deposit boxes, by actual destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction.

Rhode Island Agents Midyear to Stress Smoke, Flood Cover

Talks on smoke odors and flood cover will highlight the program of Rhode Island Assn. of Insurance Agents mid-year meeting in Providence March 25. "What To Do About Smoke Odors—Another Agency Service," will be discussed by Kermit T. Snyder, executive representative of Airkem. Archie Slawsby, who heads his own agency in Nashua, N. H., will speak on "An Agent's Report on Flood Insurance, or Rain, Rain, Go Away."

The meeting will conclude with a banquet at which Sen. Pastore of Rhode Island will speak on atomic energy.

from within any banking premises or similar recognized places of safe deposit.

Under the loss outside the premises insuring agreement, coverage is newly afforded for loss of money and securities by actual destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction while within the living quarters in the home of any messenger and also while being conveyed by any armored car company. For property other than money and securities afforded under this insurance agreement newly includes loss by theft while within the living quarters in the home of any messenger and loss by robbery while being conveyed by any armored motor vehicle company.

A single application-questionnaire for obtaining information essential to proper rating has been developed for use with both the blanket crime policy and the 3-D.

Fireman's Fund Group Adopts Abbreviated Designation Officially

Fireman's Fund insurance group has redesigned its well known fireman and child trademark into a new signature and will capitalize on the brevity and familiarity of the term that has long been the popular name for the companies—the Fund.

The Fund in its new signature form will appear in all advertising and promotion material. The new signature will emphasize the Fund, with the



words insurance companies and the four companies appearing in smaller type.

The companies in the group are Fireman's Fund, the original company founded in 1863; Home F.&M., acquired in 1892; Fireman's Fund Indemnity, founded in 1930; and National Surety, purchased by Fireman's Fund in 1954.

Conn. Agents Schedule Three Regional Meetings

Connecticut Assn. of Insurane Agents is holding three regional meetings, at Fairfield March 27, New Britain April 10, and Willimantic April 23.

Life and Time magazines will present "Opportunities Unlimited," a sound film and slides with commentary by Warren A. King, insurance director of the magazines. William W. Ellis, automobile division supervisor of Aetna Casualty, will discuss the family automobile policy and family protection coverage, and J. Neale MacDonald, New Haven independent adjuster, will talk on automobile claims.

Members of the legislative committee of the association will act as a panel on this subject. The meetings will close with a cocktail party and dinner. In addition to agents, members of Connecticut Field Club and Casualty & Surety Assn. of Connecticut are being invited to attend.

Pacific Indemnity Writes Cal. Bond

A contract for making improvements in channel washes in Sierra Madre and Arcadia, Cal., has been awarded E. A. Irish, Los Angeles contractor, by the U. S. corps of engineers at a contract price of \$1,063,910. Pacific Indemnity is surety.

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Way To Improve Relations of Business With Public Is Sell Insurance to Value

With the National Board radio and TV advertising campaign on insurance to value now under way across the country, the following underinsured losses, drawn from loss reports of the last few weeks by insurance companies at the request of THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER, emphasize the often serious economic harm to insured and

the consequent deterioration in good public relations of the business that result from poorly written business.

Business interruption. Under a two-item business interruption coinsurance form (manufacturing plant) we provided \$50,000 insurance under item 1 of a stone quarry plant. In the course

of the adjustment it was determined that the entire business interruption loss was \$64,375. The 100% business interruption value was \$162,073. Because of the insurance deficiency insured collected \$24,824 and was a co-insurer to the extent of \$39,550.—American group.

Fire. The property of our insured consisted of a dwelling and barn which were damaged by lightning which did direct damage to the dwelling and followed wires to the barn, which was completely destroyed in

the ensuing fire. There was \$7,000 coverage on the dwelling, which had a value of \$12,000. The loss here was \$1,100. The barn, which was valued at \$5,000, was a total loss, but insured recovered only \$700 as a 10% extension of coverage, plus \$1,200, which was specifically written on this structure.—Agricultural.

Fire (Texas) Household goods in one story frame owner dwelling. Value \$8,000. Insurance \$4,000. Loss \$1,213.—Gulf.

Fire. (Pennsylvania) Furniture and fixtures, improvements and betterments. Value \$30,191. Insurance \$10,000. Loss \$29,191. Loss to insured \$19,191.

Fire. (Pennsylvania) Contents. Value \$6,976. Insurance \$5,000. Loss \$6,771. Loss to insured \$1,771.

Fire. (Upstate New York) Building Value \$249,181. Insurance \$202,500. Loss \$249,181. Loss to insured \$46,681.

This case involves a mercantile building that was willed to the wife of insured upon his death last year. The occupancy of the building provided a substantial rental income for the wife, but as a result of a disastrous fire, the entire building was destroyed. The adjusters and builders estimated a reconstruction cost in excess of \$75,000, the actual cash value in excess of \$54,000, the insurance on risk \$35,000.—Loyalty group.

Business Interruption. (Massachusetts) Brick mercantile business, 50% coinsurance. Value \$558,918. Insurance \$192,000. Loss \$71,510. Loss to insured \$24,761.

Theft. (Massachusetts) Camera dealer's floater with 80% coinsurance. Value \$50,000. Insurance \$37,000. Loss \$1,964. Loss to insured \$149.

Fire. (Massachusetts) Contractor's equipment floater with 100% coinsurance. Value \$16,000. Insurance \$8,000. Loss \$836. Loss to insured \$418.

Fire. (New Hampshire) Frame seasonal dwelling. Value \$6,595. Insurance \$3,500. Loss \$6,595. Loss to insured \$3,095.

Fire. (Maine) Boiler in distillery building and contents. Value \$82,015. Insurance \$60,000. Loss \$82,015. Loss to insured \$22,015.

Fire. (New York) Dwelling and chicken coop. Value \$16,865. Insurance \$6,000. Loss \$16,865. Loss to insured \$11,246.

Fire. (New York) Contents of apartment destroyed as the result of a three-year old child carelessly playing with matches. Value \$4,493. Insurance \$3,000. Loss \$3,993. Loss to insured \$993.

We insured the contents of a 1½ detached frame single family dwelling for \$2,100. Insured owned and operated a seasonal hotel which was a very prosperous business and resulted in a handsome income to him. The dwelling took fire from an unknown cause on the second floor, completely destroying the contents on that floor and causing substantial damage to the contents on the first floor. The sound value of the contents as estimated by the adjuster was \$18,000, with the actual cash value of the loss \$12,000. This individual, who apparently possesses the prudence and know-all to run a successful business, fell short of these abilities when it came to the protection of his household.—Loyalty group.

Fire. (District of Columbia) Brick mercantile building with 80% coinsurance. Value \$406,863. Insurance \$160,000. Loss \$77,761. Loss to Insured \$40,104.

Inland Marine. (Kansas) Jewelry. Value \$550. Insurance \$250. Loss \$550. Loss to insured \$300.—Western of Kansas group.

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Annual Statement

as of December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash—In banks and in office.....	\$ 2,610,142
Bonds:	
United States Government.....	\$11,207,789
New Housing Authority.....	3,285,755
Government of Canada.....	1,241,936
State and Municipal.....	9,775,553
Industrial and Miscellaneous.....	29,819 25,540,852
Preferred Stocks:	
Public Utility.....	2,410,370
Railroad.....	317,750
Industrial and Miscellaneous.....	2,069,750 4,797,870
Common Stocks:	
Bank.....	3,717,104
Public Utility.....	3,721,500
Railroad.....	1,089,000
Industrial and Miscellaneous.....	13,572,340 22,099,944
Fulton Insurance Company.....	4,554,387
Agency Balances not over 90 days due.....	2,722,701
Other Admitted Assets.....	7,353,408
Total Admitted Assets.....	\$69,679,304

LIABILITIES

Reserve for Uncashed Premiums.....	\$25,709,249
Losses in Process of Adjustment.....	7,931,276
Reserve for Federal and Other Taxes.....	695,300
Reserve for all other Liabilities.....	6,829,781
Capital Stock—\$10 par.....	\$ 5,000,000
Voluntary Reserve.....	500,000
Net Surplus.....	23,013,698
*Policyholders' Surplus.....	28,513,698
Total.....	\$69,679,304

**Bonds and stocks have been valued in accordance with the requirements of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. On the basis of December 31, 1956 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS would be \$67,533,206 and POLICYHOLDERS' SURPLUS \$26,367,600. Securities carried at \$2,026,097 in the above statement are deposited for purposes required by law.*

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Casualty Direct Premiums Written and Incurred Losses for 1956 in NEW YORK

Premiums for companies doing \$1,000 or more of casualty business in New York state are shown in the tables below. The figures are on the basis of direct premiums written and losses are shown as losses incurred, with the exception that for reinsurance companies and a few companies doing only a reinsurance business in New York, premiums are net premiums written and losses are losses incurred. The purpose of showing direct premiums is to reflect gross business of insurers before reinsurance. Because losses incurred reflect the loss results after reinsurance transactions, direct premiums and losses incurred cannot be used to determine a loss ratio.

Included this year are the multiple peril premiums, the total writings on homeowner's multiple peril and commercial multiple peril (lines 4 and 5 in the annual statements). Premiums for fidelity and surety have been combined into a single total, as have the premiums for burglary-theft and plate glass.

The total premiums and losses shown in the first column for individual companies include all business written in New York, even those classes (fire, EC, auto physical damage, aircraft physical damage, etc.) not shown in the tables.

The premiums and losses for accident and sickness, boiler and machinery, live stock, and credit insurance are shown in separate tables, as are the premiums and losses of the hospital and medical associations and Blue Cross organizations.

Where a company's business is shown as net premiums written rather than direct premiums, this is indicated by an asterisk.

	Total Prems. and Losses	Work Comp. Prems. and Losses	BI (not Auto) Prems. and Losses	Auto BI Prems. and Losses	Auto PDL Prems. and Losses	Mult. Peril Prems. and Losses	PDL (not Auto) Prems. and Losses	Fid.& Surety Prems. and Losses	Burg.& Glass Prems. and Losses
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Acc & Cas*	1,977,175	132,316	104,646	227,245	65,981	.....	8,931	25,742	66,868
	633,297	65,034	64,306	182,498	37,074	.....	1,922	282	37,762
Actna Cas	47,129,248	7,577,548	1,167,363	13,874,662	4,001,185	3,653	575,243	1,179,810	1,099,766
	25,245,700	5,413,348	2,378,594	8,905,541	2,075,159	29	325,176	427,446	533,437
Actna Fire	19,442,422	1,295,979	1,567,385	3,456,386	899,471	1,685,185	130,997	605,915	532,943
	6,789,024	559,946	543,615	1,666,358	361,917	1,226,245	47,959	73,660	177,038
Agricultural	5,198,483	63,445	101,114	376,467	119,926	304,549	10,842	.....	21,997
	2,495,340	25,112	16,450	205,227	72,183	50,631	1,770	.....	5,477
Albany	854,184	.....	935	.....	.....	50,457	.....	.....	2,423
	189,065	.....	935	.....	.....	1,984	.....	.....	84
Alliance	1,193,765	12,081	27,856	17	.....	.....	453	.....	4,688
Allied Am M	669,887	.....	.....	3,986	1,111	58,525	.....	.....	.....
	155,366	.....	.....	1,000	227	5,380	.....	.....	.....
Allstate	70,644,398	.....	693,963	47,924,891	12,337,228	.....	.....	.....	.....
	43,312,232	.....	238,189	33,783,676	6,643,972	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amal M Auto	837,504	.....	.....	834,055	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	493,472	.....	.....	493,472	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Am Auto	1,560,365	137,504	106,583	388,329	114,832	35,398	8,176	70,634	135,917
	690,033	—41,879	22,754	283,581	62,423	298	—5,217	121,350	38,027
Am Aviation	106,061	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	367,188	51,069	29,935	93,779	22,041	826	873	—166	24,750
Am Bonding	326,831	.....	.....	1,946	.....	2,889	.....	164,005	142,536
Am Cas	5,640,258	633,704	512,674	1,077,067	298,017	61,433	85,326	169,392	336,409
	1,162,762	161,720	94,795	296,969	69,797	2,616	2,767	528	78,376
Am Empl	4,046,119	397,854	516,911	975,519	283,090	88,181	69,851	201,619	113,514
	1,887,191	188,453	170,153	499,532	131,399	24,428	12,075	62,251	70,554
Am Equit	4,525,527	.....	.....	3,679	.....	149,172	.....	.....	2,715
	2,109,424	.....	.....	20	.....	19,638	.....	.....	51
Am F & C	1,707,855	16,663	3,092	1,161,263	460,793	.....	5,142	.....	.....
	778,523	16,278	7,287	528,274	226,329	.....	329	.....	.....
Am Fid Fire	1,815,429	.....	.....	7,675	11,613	.....	.....	.....	.....
	893,317	.....	.....	93,612	—7,154	.....	.....	.....	.....
Am Guar	2,109,258	166,861	187,292	789,157	326,256	7,477	24,444	165,037	114,909
	999,238	98,982	35,933	482,423	127,833	53	888	86,792	42,883
Am Hardw M	3,790,163	226,702	213,477	1,287,736	370,470	135,279	20,611	.....	60,199
	1,818,180	130,145	61,409	759,557	177,725	31,454	5,115	.....	28,669
Am Home	2,457,372	.....	.....	527	.....	.....	.....	.....	643
	919,277	—1,461	4,550	60,931	4,846	5,082	—28,426	.....	281
Amer, N J	10,980,231	820,388	938,721	2,068,416	629,360	245,382	81,402	17,404	373,623
	5,982,913	257,333	533,970	1,111,786	206,631	45,634	30,333	3,777	149,416
Am Mfrs M	2,063,784	.....	439	499,784	122,285	179,542	.....	.....	.....
	703,673	.....	—415	305,643	59,473	28,034	—6,079	.....	.....
Am Marine	235,125	.....	.....	3,281	.....	.....	50	5,000	.....
	123,174	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Am Motorists	9,972,967	2,134,926	872,571	3,912,302	1,178,830	166,642	153,841	38,969	49,666
	4,518,167	1,040,250	265,297	2,030,020	536,962	14,804	92,692	—767	19,091
Am M Liab	11,200,629	5,634,624	1,049,444	2,267,888	697,112	.....	248,167	25,587	37,443
	6,384,933	3,556,115	277,581	1,343,589	374,535	151,167	1,041	10,156	.....
Am Nat Fire	1,469,089	.....	.....	664	182,436	41,402	.....	.....	189
	806,164	.....	.....	1,660	167,671	18,569	7,240	.....	.....
Am Plchldr	44,954	8,068	3,776	14,387	4,380	.....	218	.....	.....
	—77,682	—59,491	—15,477	—153	—123	.....	—581	.....	.....
Am Reins*	2,115,967	6,790	150,184	287,196	23,754	20,465	27,515	792,058	17,110
	1,409,061	127,988	107,210	102,977	739	5,393	—995	523,519	—899
Am Surety	8,706,794	1,164,903	1,458,152	2,158,738	703,446	81,625	214,489	1,577,330	367,491
	3,513,939	357,742	588,484	1,221,726	356,238	27,552	36,310	460,824	162,433
Arex Ind	48,868	.....	2,412	8,131	4,552	718	4,112	.....	25,528
	150,247	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assoc Ind	41,375	230,076	41,284	95,838	25,118	.....	1,170	.....	.....
	226,010	180,527	—9,552	32,203	9,120	.....	—83	.....	.....
Assur, Am	693,959	.....	6,142	73,803	21,235	12,207	.....	.....	338
	387,237	.....	.....	529	43,847	6,143	.....	.....	25
Atlantic Mut	15,770,858	1,571,995	1,279,950	2,279,870	594,716	560,412	82,539	.....	153,540
	6,005,490	965,760	433,504	1,180,205	273,467	133,301	40,075	.....	49,023
Atlas	1,937,480	.....	1,512	.....	.....	49,388	.....	.....	3,980
Autoplan	158,141	.....	574	165,976	.....	5,954	.....	.....	159
	23,231	.....	.....	12,886	3,611	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bank & Ship	1,753,264	.....	3,417	44,939	13,836	39,921	11	.....	830
	961,938	.....	.....	186	12,503	4,617	4,880	.....	75
Berkshire M	935,450	.....	6,182	.....	.....	82,897	.....	.....	4,619
	398,980	.....	.....	378	—	.....	24,334	.....	2,068
Boston Ind	218,542	.....	875	138,201	49,730	.....	.....	.....	.....
	129,198	.....	.....	420	79,948	27,920	.....	.....	.....
Boston	5,194,624	236,419	248,480	679,810	210,882	139,867	33,860	18,763	43,836
	3,530,186	135,131	226,032	728,720	211,408	60,753	26,436	21,642	22,949
Buffalo	1,669,805	23,107	36,582	109,193	35,741	110,603	2,585	.....	8,629
	785,292	7,851	4,370	70,938	13,795	19,096	75	.....	1,306
Caledonian	868,761	.....	3,844	.....	.....	3,461	.....	.....	4,875
	559,086	.....	4,250	.....	.....	3,608	.....	.....	447
Calif	995,906	.....	681	.....	.....	30,373	.....	.....	805
	890,396	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,608	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge Mut	549,061	.....	1,536	.....	.....	113,654	.....	.....	459
	210,879	.....	55	.....	.....	34,487	.....	.....	10
Camden Fire	2,683,716	.....	1,232	.....	.....	163,224	.....	.....	.....
	994,947	.....	.....	.....	.....	85,506	.....	.....	.....
Car & Gen	782,035	65,855	107,540	401,679	106,013	.....	4,478	17,285	25,394
	400,655	53,262	66,455	263,288	60,328	.....	2,092	4,340	12,522
Centennial	2,495,468	37,547	35,456	94,461	23,874	131,676	1,686	.....	11,637
	1,217,225	26,626	13,955	67,009	13,827	275,119	7,597	.....	2,923
Central Mut	3,167,535	45,667	99,901	26,594	366,489	638	98,912	100,000
	1,072,182	1,622	7,430	6,089	35,892	51,325

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Burgl Glass Prem and Losses	Total Prems. and Losses	Work Comp. Prems. and Losses	BI (not Auto) BI Prems. and Losses	Auto PDL Prems. and Losses	Auto Peril Prems. and Losses	Mult. PDL (not Auto) Prems. and Losses	Fid.& Surety Prems. and Losses	Burg. & Glass Prems. and Losses
Hartford Fire	11,499,698	5,626	14,367	4,222	576,958	—	5,707	—
	6,434,695	2,153	28,085	4,824	86,478	—	871	—
Home Ind	1,192,933	2,118,357	3,720,760	1,005,901	—	101,148	267,237	736,258
	4,943,270	481,465	996,512	2,201,647	581,978	81,991	159,087	313,395
Home	38,080,358	33,107	—	2,387,809	—	—	37,630	—
	18,817,306	13,390	—	355,095	—	—	2,585	—
Home M F	463,112	2,797	—	47,788	—	—	1,785	—
	167,514	375	—	845	—	—	200	—
Homeland	501,677	473	—	8,761	—	—	1,239	—
	56,859	—	—	2,797	—	—	822	—
Ideal Mut	844,461	414,493	26,032	320,354	83,188	392	—	—
	402,284	219,521	17,249	129,920	35,201	390	—	—
Industrial	1,317,726	3,620	—	85,554	32	—	2,345	—
	861,285	22	—	13,373	—	—	215	—
Ind of N A	29,408,173	6,654,410	6,787,791	4,979,934	1,568,590	267,501	1,321,681	2,077,474
	12,464,043	2,577,441	2,213,808	3,050,441	774,483	26,664	782,248	226,538
Ind Lumb M	2,147,633	71,885	936,386	272,174	188,057	2,107	—	11,371
	323,959	—	16,607	419,074	111,808	40,847	—	5,211
No Amer	16,742,607	68,513	327,571	89,223	1,461,086	15,882	41,966	19,867
	8,362,515	—	20,013	50,726	219,078	3,610	—	4,907
Innboro M	3,576,567	1,215,560	300,858	1,409,226	432,937	18,673	—	—
	1,895,732	655,189	100,634	778,936	244,721	3,616	—	—
Jamestown M	4,229,180	1,566,981	339,547	1,621,312	526,473	36,315	—	—
	1,670,079	782,712	130,863	473,016	220,610	9,736	—	—
KC F&M	71,412	6,206	—	4,114	806	—	956	—
	33,564	367	—	2,301	178	—	258	—
Liberty Mut	49,314,538	19,118,503	7,038,681	12,008,601	3,662,058	—	1,212,957	129,353
	31,403,035	10,913,435	6,689,227	7,221,732	1,778,780	595	581,444	125,366
L&L G	2,469,638	1,667	—	39	105,440	8	—	2,378
	1,072,427	82	—	390	14,565	—	745	—
L&L Ind	2,232,628	376,893	394,833	861,236	262,163	2,858	41,180	91,574
	1,201,059	216,059	168,975	542,398	147,869	—	14,718	18,764
Lord & Lane	776,506	—	—	—	26,379	646	1,422	—
	127,601	—	—	—	1,220	—	—	—
Land Guar	3,090,310	367,420	320,815	971,157	325,162	—	42,077	9,670
	1,474,502	70,936	189,011	777,176	179,254	—	15,554	15,154
Lum M Cas	26,762,168	3,890,426	1,211,921	10,390,121	3,128,337	383,385	211,306	101,753
	13,107,642	2,355,946	358,802	5,393,940	1,402,529	121,098	78,384	29,220
Lumb M F	1,192,142	40,539	161,162	45,870	90,799	5,341	—	9,683
	33,910,359	—	1,330,006	2,198,942	1,20,156	2,804,740	37,257	293,392
Lumb M, O	901,133	1,288	—	100,281	30,582	113,333	541	—
	311,447	—	—	711	37,842	6,809	41	6,006
Mank Cas	3,391,807	233,928	514,265	1,493,918	345,287	—	11,902	778,923
	1,191,224	55,516	28,610	511,261	87,630	—	927	486,423
Mirs Cas	1,259,066	119,716	136,463	473,711	151,203	47,443	56,644	121,371
	1,019,290	117,742	101,328	454,946	108,826	449	185	147,843
Md Cas	12,292,623	6,642,363	1,862,366	3,701,284	1,218,058	191,525	182,875	1,134,837
	6,832,787	1,336,738	76,868	2,525,024	615,414	14,953	68,205	589,332
Mass Bond	11,321,662	1,794,021	1,685,277	2,983,567	914,542	42,396	224,035	504,358
	5,914,780	264,352	936,078	1,954,536	459,935	905	95,071	486,916
Mass F&M	880,697	609	72,643	18,939	27,710	—	1,779	—
	566,659	—	84,437	13,670	3,944	—	—	—
Mass Pl. GI	1,672	—	—	—	—	—	1,672	—
	283	—	—	—	—	—	283	—
Mercantile	1,201,786	4,517	—	49,589	—	—	1,858	—
	361,673	3,535	—	7,592	—	—	2,483	—
Mer & Mfrs	767,452	711	—	10,190	—	—	1,956	—
	376,014	—	—	—	—	—	220	—
Mer Fire, NY	2,810,448	31,894	60,661	121,607	29,824	145,464	1,842	19,288
	977,906	13,833	19,346	50,016	15,393	600	1,890	11,990
Merch Ind	1,327,320	—	87,129	749,772	215,835	—	4,954	30,635
	670,261	—	56,411	383,590	119,715	—	1,894	373
Merch M Cas	13,898,039	1,519,424	996,087	7,408,307	2,359,849	29,480	127,664	56,041
	6,386,913	669,068	358,926	3,591,635	1,26,669	2,448	27,326	20,814
Merrimack M	1,413,092	677	—	132,447	—	—	395	—
	523,667	167	—	25,569	—	—	31	—
Metro Cas	6,461,399	104,821	723,612	2,125,947	609,899	22,586	85,147	518,640
	4,233,784	211,154	482,250	1,737,884	310,682	635	4,878	224,405
Mich Miller M	745,110	6,291	2,042	552	13,321	—	3,860	—
	352,974	797	—	73	11,309	—	514	—
Mich M Liab	6,995,831	4,239,390	316,961	818,944	275,672	—	254,932	—
	3,713,117	2,151,215	769,285	552,844	146,797	—	66,547	—
Mill Owners M	129,275	8,172	52,903	15,461	3,924	427	—	14
	102,683	4,377	24,416	14,145	322	—	292	—
Milwaukee	1,257,239	1,176	49,790	16,543	46,337	35	—	571
	645,711	2,747	40,483	9,312	4,430	—	—	3,524
Monarch	1,867,174	10,922	24,886	1,570	20,247	64	—	124
	3,087	2,799	7,720	2,623	501	—	—	31
Munich Re*	1,580,388	40,703	98,798	56,688	28,403	9,396	42,738	31
	426,785	14,785	79,324	58,455	1,437	960	8,090	2
NaiBenFrnk	2,070,529	—	368	49,800	16,372	76,061	—	399
	1,183,743	512	57,781	10,609	4,884	—	114	—
Nat Cas	3,812,967	123	—	210	63	791	—	—
	2,097,548	—	17,923	—	1,396	1,000	—	—
Nat Fire	5,321,655	192,225	185,979	226,995	215,461	167,445	16,427	3,850
	4,602,711	131,291	245,575	1,326,055	233,146	962,035	6,478	52,632
Nat Grnu	8,270,362	266,371	633,411	4,889,143	1,537,356	21,224	259	744
	4,336,578	89,373	266,557	2,571,191	809,500	8,097	—	571
Nat Surety	5,276,044	323,832	406,652	800,683	233,477	27,663	73,731	1,746,834
	3,043,288	152,642	241,842	814,724	162,489	36,611	16,359	514
Nati Union	6,019,488	1,188	1,592	113	33	182,604	5	11,763
	1,015,035	16	385	54	160	18,240	2	805
Nati Un Ind	254,239	22,508	39,626	107,084	36,566	4,977	3,062	—
	52,323	1,604	10,244	16,095	10,208	289	761	—
Nationwide	17,374,974	999,089	602,330	9,332,881	2,981,608	72,128	—	34,877
	10,100,720	670,692	414,904	5,568,625	1,906,984	18,967	—	21,735
New Am Cas	12,955,313	2,627,189	2,368,889	4,308,381	3,235,345	50,924	218,137	397,449
	8,222,318	1,286,991	371,679	3,738,328	778,262	4,127	24,260	278,824
Newark	3,631,712	169,367	867,842	295,194	128,440	22,978	15,283	41,860
	2,200,306	83,614	102,602	581,104	159,465	7,438	7,910	8,924
New England	2,162,939	234,444	262,925	845,752	269,413	45,748	30,757	6,231
	1,393,499	102,019	126,138	634,070	245,160	9,670	11,171	55,239
New Hamp	6,531,955	10,433	38,395	78,722	24,408	52,879	1,826	121,185
	3,242,086	16,715	26,670	12,984	32,267	152	1,179	6,212
NJ Mtrs Cas	60,215	23,739	31,412	5,063	—	—	—	1,381
	16,750	—	22,847	2,035	—	—	—	—
NY Fire	2,206,730	760	—	171,918	—	—	708	—
	1,137,768	250	—	21,269	—</			

Munich Re Names Morris Southern Manager at Atlanta

Robert L. Morris has been appointed southern U. S. manager of Munich Re. He will manage the southern territory for Munich Re from newly established offices in Atlanta.

He started with Liberty Mutual Fire and served as fire and inland marine underwriter at both Atlanta and Dallas. Subsequently he joined American Mutual Re at Chicago as associate re-

insurance underwriter. Prior to joining Munich Re he was fire and inland marine manager of American Automobile in Atlanta.

Two California Local Boards Elect

Local agents' associations in Monterey and San Joaquin county, Calif., have elected officers. They are:

Monterey: H. William Monroe president; G. G. Lefler secretary-treasurer.

San Joaquin county: Donald L. Marlette president; Stephen F. Phelan vice-president; M. Jack Schmitt secretary; Harold C. King treasurer.

N. Y. Bar Committee Finds WC Grown into General Health Law

High workmen's compensation costs in New York state are due in part to a tendency to construe the workmen's compensation law in a way not contemplated by the legislature when the law was enacted. This is one of the conclusions of a special committee of New York State Bar Assn. appointed in 1954 to study the WC law and to cooperate with the Moreland act com-

mission investigating operations and procedures under that law. The committee's report, just released, reviews the origin, history and the administrative and judicial interpretations of the act.

Specific areas in which the committee believes there has been a departure from the statutory intent include a broadening of the definitions of "accident" and "occupational disease," the granting of awards in cases where there is no loss of wages or impairment of earning capacity, the payment of WC for questionable disabilities and for injuries caused by personal acts unrelated to the job.

The committee noted that these interpretations have had the effect of transforming what was intended to be a new system of employer's liability for accidents into a general health insurance law based on social concepts. Though intended to provide partial restoration of lost income in all accident cases regardless of fault, the committee finds it is being refashioned, through construction, in a statute granting damages regardless of economic loss. Also mentioned is the fact that the public has an interest in the compensation system because the cost of all awards is added to the price of the employer's product and passed on to the consumer. The more liberal coverage thus generated acts as a barrier against the granting of higher benefits to those who need, and are entitled to, the law's protection, the committee asserted.

Areas for further study recommended in the report include the redefinition by statute of some of the law's basic concepts, finding more reliable medical procedures for evaluating questions of etiology and industrial disability, and broader court review of rulings made by the WC board. Considerable emphasis is placed on the need of finding better qualitative standards for selecting referees and giving them tenure of office.

Other matter dealt with in the report include the importance of accident prevention, rehabilitation, revamping the second injury law designed to encourage the hiring of the physically handicapped, and integrating WC coverage with other forms of income protection.

The committee emphasizes the need for a more unified approach to the problem by the medical and legal professions and urges greater cooperation between labor and industry in seeking legislative solutions which will best serve the public interest.

The report, which has not been acted upon by the association, will be submitted to Gov. Harriman, to the members of the legislature and to others interested in the operation of the WC law.

The chairman of the special committee is James J. Beha, New York City. The editing and indexing of the 123 page report, which is extensively annotated, was done by Noel S. Symons of Buffalo. Other members of the committee are James S. Kernan Jr., Utica, Andrew V. Clements and Fred J. Murray of Albany, Max Goldman of Auburn, C. Addison Keeler of Binghamton, Salvatore M. LoMonaco of Rochester and Hubert C. Stratton, Syracuse.

Miss Jeannette H. Harris of New York City, the only member of the committee who did not concur, filed a separate report.

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Atlantic Volume Up in 1956, Realizes Underwriting Profit

Premiums written by Atlantic Mutual group in 1956 increased \$8,451,000 to reach a high of \$32,305,000. Assets climbed \$26,593,000 to \$78,222,000, and policyholders surplus increased to \$27,187,000 as compared to \$17,006,000 in 1955.

Despite the group sharing in Adrea Doria, west coast forest fire, and a

number of other heavy losses during the year, it showed an underwriting profit of \$492,427. During the year it paid \$18,505,000 in claims. Atlantic Mutual paid \$2,518,000 in dividends to participating policyholders.

Auto PHD Sub-Standard Pool Organized in Texas

HOUSTON—Organization of the Texas Physical Damage Pool for the purpose of writing sub-standard auto physical damage lines was announced in Houston last week by Roland C.

Kennell, manager. The new pool is composed of a group of stock fire and casualty companies and Lloyds. Members of the advisory board, in addition to Mr. Kennell, are: D. D. Dominey, president Georgia Casualty & Surety; R. R. Kaplan, president State Fire & Casualty, and Elmer Oberg, assistant manager.

Sheeks Joins Industrial Indemnity

Joseph E. Sheeks has joined the legal staff at the home office of Industrial Indemnity. He has been an attorney with Pacific National Electric Co.

Munro Volume Up, Underwriting Loss Small in 1956

Premiums written by the Prudential-Skandia-Hudson reinsurance group in 1956 increased to an all time high of \$10,608,972, J. A. Munro, president of Prudential and Hudson and U. S. manager of Skandia, has reported. Prudential wrote \$5,304,486, Skandia \$4,243,589, and Hudson \$1,060,897.

Assets of the group were relatively strong at year end, Mr. Munro said, reaching \$30,225,076, with Prudential having \$14,389,439, Skandia \$11,979,337, and Hudson \$3,856,300. Policyholders surplus of the group reached \$15,630,365, a slight rise over 1955.

There was a combined underwriting and investment gain of \$373,021, compared with \$995,005 in 1955. The group had an underwriting loss of \$289,151. Unearned premium reserves were \$11,291,169.

Pallbearers Alerted to Carry Coffin for ICT of Dallas

AUSTIN—Permanent receivership was accepted without contest last week by ICT of Dallas, the labor-owned insurer, following the admitted failure of all efforts of present officers to keep it in limited operation.

With liquidation now formally ordered by District Judge Betts after James G. Cage, ICT president, agreed to accept the judgment without argument, attention now has centered on the two legislative investigations under way in Austin by special committees of the house and the senate and to an investigation of the company's books in Dallas by state and county officials.

Henry Wade, Dallas district attorney, has said: "We have discovered very good evidence of a criminal nature against former officers of the firm. We will definitely gather the evidence for grand jury presentation." He also said that certain information obtained by his investigators would be presented to the legislative committees.

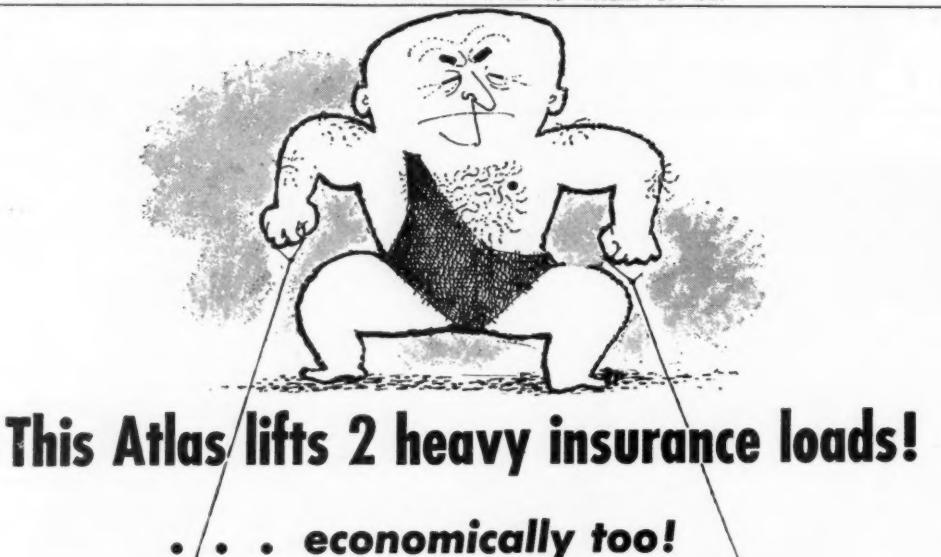
In Austin, Sen. Herring revealed that he had asked the intelligence division of the Internal Revenue Service to look into the ITC situation. Mr. Herring, who is chairman of the senate investigating committee, is a former federal district attorney.

The house committee is due to make its report by April 1 and the senate committee by April 10, with new remedial legislation as their announced major objective.

Tenn. Lawyers Back UJF Measure

Tennessee Bar Assn. is supporting a bill in the legislature which will establish a state unsatisfied judgment fund to protect motorists against uninsured and hit-and-run drivers. The proposal would tax insured drivers \$1 and uninsured drivers \$3 for the fund.

Frank O. Haywood Jr., safety engineer, and Thomas E. Flynn, claims manager, have been transferred from Los Angeles to the Texas branch office of Argonaut.



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Peerless Volume Up 40%, Underwriting Losses \$3,193,404

Premiums written in 1956 by Peerless rose 40% above the 1955 level to reach \$16,869,682. This increase reflected acquisition of the U. S. business of Caledonian and Netherlands.

Assets climbed \$3,284,917 to \$32,494,358. Investment income was \$713,631, compared with \$633,716. Capital gains amounted to \$361,542.

Including the results of acquisition, the company had an underwriting loss of \$3,193,404, compared with an underwriting profit of \$543,893 in 1955. Policyholders surplus declined \$3,420,144 to \$7,550,552.

Income adjustment to reflect equity in unearned premiums, income tax carry-back and undistributed earnings of United Life & Accident, an affiliate, produced a loss of \$1.20 per share on 550,000 shares of capital stock outstanding at year end. This figure was a profit of \$2.10 per share in 1955. Stockholders equity, however, increased from \$23.77 in 1955, to \$24.60 per share.

Cherokee Declares Stock Dividend, Woodbury Joins Board

NASHVILLE—L. E. Woodbury Jr., Wilmington, N. C., vice-president National Assn. of Insurance Agents, was elected a director of Cherokee at the annual meeting here. Other directors and the officers were reelected, and J. M. Lee, Jr., who has been with the company since 1951, was elected assistant treasurer.

Directors approved a 33 1/3% stock dividend in addition to the regular dividend of 25 cents. This will increase capital to \$1 million. President D. K. Wilson reported surplus at \$2,255,972, an increase of 14%, while assets increased \$271,119 to \$4,519,612.

Larger Tenn. Office for Ind. of N. A.

On April 1 the Nashville service office of Indemnity of North America will assume full production, policy-writing and underwriting authority for the state. All Tennessee agents will report their business directly to it. Previously all casualty business in the territory was handled through the home office in Philadelphia.

To accommodate the expanded operations, the group's Nashville office has been moved to larger quarters at 1500 Life & Casualty tower.

W. Everette Bethshares is manager of North America and Philadelphia F&M. and Leonard Cummings of Indemnity of North America.

Self Insurance Seminar Is Sponsored by Buyers

A self insurance seminar, the sixth in a series of study groups, has been held under sponsorship of New York chapter of American Society of Insurance Management. L. W. Mosher of General Electric, chairman of the chapter self insurance committee, was moderator.

Pays \$50,000 Accident Loss

Payment of \$50,000 was made by Newhouse & Hawley agency of Chicago to the widow of an insured who was killed in an automobile accident and carried a group travel accident policy written in London Lloyds for key personnel of large corporations. The insured died Monday and the

check was delivered to his widow two days later.

Julian Faber, partner of Willis, Faber & Dumas of London in charge of American business, has completed a seven-day visit to the Newhouse & Hawley office in Chicago as part of a six-week trip throughout the United States. He is the son-in-law of Harold Macmillan, the prime minister of England.

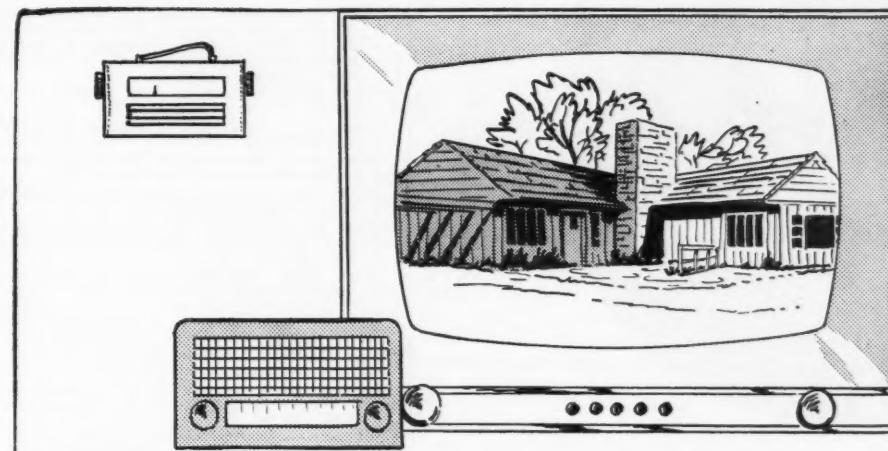
Henry R. Sutphen Jr., president of American Irving Savings Bank, has been elected a director of Hanover Fire and Fulton.

Seaboard Surety operating results for 1956 were the best in the history of the company, President G. B. Slatten-gren has reported to stockholders. Premiums written in 1956 increased \$1,016,070 to \$7,324,989, he said. Assets went up \$2,567,000 to \$26,531,000, and the policyholders surplus climbed \$1,145,000 to \$14,154,000.

The company had an underwriting profit of \$1,689,246, representing a rise of \$444,466 above the 1955 profit. Investment income was \$699,968. The combined underwriting and investment gain was \$1,374,845 after federal income taxes of \$994,312.

The ratio of operating expenses to premiums written was 42.4%. That of losses and loss expenses to earned premiums was 23.4%.

During 1956 a total of \$400,000 in dividends was paid to stockholders. Earnings per share were \$6.87 as compared to \$5.07 in 1955.



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Mar. 17-19, Eastern Agents Conference of NAIA, Statler hotel, Washington, D. C.
 Mar. 20, American Marine Hull Insurance Syndicate, annual, Board room, 99 John street, New York City.
 March 24-26, Southern Agents Conference, Jung hotel, New Orleans.
 March 24-26, Midwest Agents Conference of NAIA, French Lick-Sheraton hotel, French Lick Springs, Ind.
 Mar. 25, Rhode Island Assn. of Insurance Agents, mid-year, Sheraton-Biltmore hotel, Providence.
 April 3-4, National Assn. of Independent Insurers, workshop, Mark Hopkins hotel, San Francisco.
 April 4, New Hampshire Assn. of Insurance Agents, midyear, Carpenter hotel, Manchester.
 April 4-5, National Assn. of Casualty & Surety Agents, directors semi-annual, Ambassador hotel, Chicago.
 April 7-9, Mutual Agents Assn. of New York, annual, Syracuse hotel, Syracuse.
 April 11-12, Ohio Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, Neil House hotel, Columbus.
 April 15-17, Iowa Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Savery hotel, Des Moines.
 April 18-19, Zone 5 of NAIC, annual, Plains hotel, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
 April 23-24, Zone II of National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners, annual, Sedgefield Inn, Greensboro, N. C.
 April 25-26, Minnesota Assn. of Insurance Agents, midyear, Leamington hotel, Minneapolis.
 April 28-May 1, Chamber of Commerce, insurance department, annual, Washington, D. C.
 April 28-May 1, Colorado Insurers Assn., annual, Cosmopolitan hotel, Denver.
 April 28-May 1, Rocky Mountain Territorial Conference of NAIA, annual, Cosmopolitan hotel, Denver.
 April 28-May 1, National Board of State Directors of NAIA, midyear, Cosmopolitan hotel, Denver.
 May 1-5, National Assn. of Public Insurance Adjusters, annual, Saxony hotel, Miami Beach.
 May 2, Midwestern Independent Statistical Service, annual, La Salle hotel, Chicago.
 May 2-4, Louisiana Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Edgewater Gulf hotel, Edgewater Park, Miss.
 May 2-4, North Carolina Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Carolina hotel, Pinehurst.
 May 5-7, Alabama Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Battlehouse, Mobile.
 May 5-7, New York State Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Syracuse hotel, Syracuse.
 May 6-8, National Assn. of Independent Insurance Adjusters, annual, El Mirador hotel, Palm Springs, Cal.
 May 6-8, Health Insurance Assn. of America, annual, Sheraton-Park hotel, Washington, D. C.
 May 7, Assn. of Casualty & Surety Companies, annual, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.
 May 9, Surety Assn. of America, annual, Sheraton-Astor hotel, New York City.
 May 9-10, Missouri Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, President hotel, Kansas City, Mo.
 May 10-11, Oklahoma Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Biltmore hotel, Oklahoma City.
 May 12-13, New Jersey Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, Berkeley Carteret hotel, Asbury Park.
 May 12-14, Florida Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, Tides hotel, Redington Beach, St. Petersburg.
 May 12-14, Virginia-D. C. Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, Cavalier hotel, Virginia Beach.
 May 13-15, National Assn. of Insurance Brokers, annual, St. Louis.
 May 15, Chicago I-Day, Sherman hotel.
 May 16-17, Arkansas Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Arlington hotel, Hot Springs.
 May 17-18, Texas Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Statler-Hilton hotel, Dallas.
 May 19-21, Tennessee Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, annual, Gatlinburg.
 May 20, Vermont Assn. of Insurance Agents, midyear, Woodstock Inn, Woodstock.
 May 20-22, Georgia Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Bon Air hotel, Augusta.
 May 20-22, Insurance Accounting & Statistical Assn., annual, Palmer House, Chicago.
 May 20-24, National Fire Protection Assn., annual, Statler hotel, Los Angeles.
 May 21, Society of Fire Protection Engineers, annual, Statler hotel, Los Angeles.
 May 21-22, Illinois Bureau of Casualty Insurers, annual, St. Nicholas hotel, Springfield, Ill.
 May 22, National Automobile Underwriters Assn., annual, Roosevelt hotel, New York City.
 May 23, National Board of Fire Underwriters, annual, Commodore hotel, New York City.
 May 23-24, Casualty Actuarial Society, spring meeting, French Lick-Sheraton hotel, French Lick, Ind.
 May 23-25, Florida Assn. of Insurance Agents, annual, Fontainebleau hotel, Miami Beach.
 May 26-29, American Assn. of Managing General Agents, annual, Fontainebleau hotel, Miami Beach.
 May 26-30, Insurance Division of Special Libraries Assn., Statler hotel, Boston.

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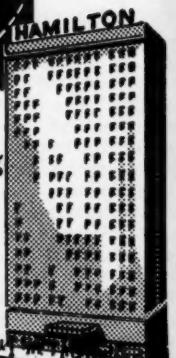
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Tells Agents How to Use Non-Admitted Foreign Markets

How agents can profit from a knowledge of foreign insurance markets and how to use them was delineated for Lehigh Valley Assn. of Insurance Agents at a meeting in Allentown, Pa., by Leonard J. Silver, president of American Excess Co. of Philadelphia, excess lines brokers.

He advised agents not to give up on a line until they have exhausted the foreign as well as admitted markets. However, he advised, agents should not try foreign markets until they have exhausted the admitted markets.

Forget tariff or manual rates, he suggested. The foreign insurers use different rating procedures, though they often base their rates on the U. S. rate or are guided by it. Sometimes they come up with lower rates, with the same rates, or with higher rates. Of course, they write business the domestic market will not or cannot write. That is the only business the law permits them to write in the U. S. They do not get spread of risk, the dwelling and apartment house classes, easy to place risks, and other insurance that keeps the admitted insurer in the black.

He advised agents to forget their usual procedures when they go to the foreign market. Simply because the admitted companies' manuals say nothing about a particular type of coverage that the agent is seeking does not mean this coverage cannot be written in the non-admitted market, if it is not contrary to regulation or law.

It is amazing what is written in the foreign market. His own firm, for example, has provided life insurance for kangaroos. It has insured a device that fits under the wing of a jet fighter carrying a tow target, a device which measures the shooting accuracy of other planes. He insured this device when it was at the experimental level, against all risks, including being shot down. He has written canine hospitalization, agents' contingent commissions, water damage which the American market would not write, surplus fire, excess liability, etc.

Measure the real risk, he advised, not the risk as measured entirely by manuals or policy forms of admitted companies. Once the agent has measured the real risk and realizes that there is a need for insurance, and that either the admitted market will not or cannot write it, the agent can go to the non-admitted foreign market through excess or surplus lines firms. They need substantially the same information the agent would give an admitted insurer. This information however, has to be accurate. Quite important is the loss record for the past five years.

He emphasized that the non-admitted market is interested in excess, surplus, special purpose or unusual

Realistically Assesses Today's Situation

J. M. Kidd, U. S. manager of Norwich Union, comments on the current situation in which the fire and casualty companies find themselves, in the *Norwich Union* home office bulletin:

The results of the big multiple line companies are just beginning to come out. There are a few with a profit but the great majority show a loss going into prodigious amounts. The worst so far published has an underwriting loss of \$22 million (that is, the losses plus expenses have exceeded premiums by that amount) and the average is very high.

It would rather indicate that certain "hens are coming home to roost." A feature of the business for far too long has been to forget that we are in the business of insurance and to concentrate almost wholly upon a policy of piling up the greatest possible volume of premiums which could be safely invested to provide a growing portfolio and a source of substantial income. The underwriting profit, if not completely ignored, has been a secondary consideration; the fundamental essence of the business, which is to organize the plant so that the sum of the losses and expenses will be sufficiently below 100% to allow for a fair profit plus a cushion for the untoward catastrophe, has been lost in the background.

This policy has been helped by the phenomenal growth of our country and it has been bolstered by inflation which has become such a marked feature of the economy. So long as the invested assets produced an ever-mounting gain and provided a constant income, the need to earn an underwriting profit had difficulty in coming up to the surface. In the first two months of this year, the investment situation has taken an unexpected turn. The drop in the stock market is coincident with the published results of the prominent companies and the two factors combined may bring home finally the folly of this policy of "volume regardless of profit" and the urgent need to concentrate upon a favorable underwriting result.

There have been undesirable sequelae, particularly in fire business,

insurance of all sorts—but not "junk" lines that involve risks not entitled to insurance for lack of maintenance or proper management. He also warned agents that it is contrary to law to advertise the name of non-admitted insurers.

While London Lloyds is the most famous non-admitted insurer in the U. S., there are many other such insurers in many countries. His firm does business with a number of such companies that have money on deposit in the U. S. with which to pay claims promptly. This is important not because of any doubt about the willingness of the foreign insurer to pay claims but because it insures prompt payment which would otherwise be difficult because of exchange difficulties.

in the wake of the foregoing policy. Volume has been so much the criterion that the knowledge of a mass of business going off to direct writers and the cream being scooped by wildcatters (from rate cutting to excess commissions) has tempted many of the old line stock companies—the firm backbone of the fire insurance industry—to resort to all kinds of means to attract the volume necessary to sustain growth.

Package policies came into being. They proved the wisdom of their evolution but the tendency has been to go too far in broadening the cover and in making the premium attractive. Loss experience is already insisting that the coverage and the rates have to be redressed.

Competition with the rate deviators and those seeking selected risks by offering high commissions has prompted the companies to raise the remuneration of the intermediary (to assume a very high ratio in the expense factor of the premium which must inevitably invite the criticism of the public) in order to gain an advantage which, in the ordinary competitive sense, ought to be secured by understanding and efficiency. All over the country many of the old reliable companies have moved to high commissions and contingent commissions to secure business, and the others are being forced to do the same to avoid the loss of business on their books. An unfair strain is also being placed upon the serious agent who realizes that too high a level of commission must eventually threaten his very existence.

There is little doubt that the fundamental fault of the whole chaotic situation of the fire insurance industry is the inadequacy of rate. The internal conflict outlined above has made the fire companies much less assiduous in securing proper rates than if they had been wholly dependent upon securing an underwriting profit. They have, nevertheless, recognized to the full that inflation has now the cost of our product in its grip, that we are selling fire insurance at a price substantially lower than the cost of our claims and operation. We must look for an immediate move from the leaders of our industry and we can surely expect to find the fire industry on the threshold of a new era.

The casualty problem narrows itself down to the insurance of automobiles. Effective "underwriting" is becoming impossible. It is a clear problem of which there are three predominant factors: (1) Frequency of accidents which only education of the public on a great scale will correct; (2) the effects of inflation on the grotesque awards by the courts; and the combined weight of the judiciary authorities, from the Department of Justice to the Supreme Court and the bar associations is required to induce reason, and (3) the adequacy of the premium to pay for losses and reasonable expenses the public will have to pay until the faults are remedied.

N.A. Asks Agents to Help Get Cover Up to Current Values

North America companies recently sent a letter on underinsurance to all its agents. The reaction is very interesting, varying from comments like "appreciate your effort, this action sorely needed," to "I make no assurance to anyone about my customers in this request." The last remark was prompted by North America's request not to place new or renewal policies written in amounts less than \$5,000 without being prepared to give full assurance that a lesser amount properly meets the needs of the policyholder.

The underinsurance letter, signed by Bradford Smith Jr., executive vice-president, reads:

How to inspire policyholders to increase the amount of insurance they carry commensurately with increased insurable values is the most important problem facing insurance agents and companies today.

It has been alleged that the stock company-independent agent term is not properly serving the mass market involving the small property owner. In an examination of this criticism, the following facts were revealed:

1. Loss adjustments developed numerous examples of inadequate insurance to value—frequently as low as one-third or one-quarter of the value of the property destroyed.

2. About one-half of the policies written in this class are for amounts less than \$5,000—obviously inadequate figures for today's mounting costs.

3. Most small policies are allowed to remain unchanged year in and year out.

The cumulative effect of these facts forces us to agree that we are not properly servicing the insurance requirements of the modest property owner. This places our future position in jeopardy. We propose to do something about it and need your cooperation.

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3. Please do not place with our company any policy, new or renewal, written in an amount less than \$5,000 without being prepared to give us full assurance that a lesser amount properly meets the needs of the policyholder.

American Surety Has Premium Gain, Underwriting Loss

Premiums written in 1956 by American Surety increased more than 6% over 1955, to \$40,407,033. Investment earnings of \$1,937,159, equivalent to \$1.61 per share, enabled the company to show a combined net profit of \$592,053 before taxes, or 49 cents per share after a statutory underwriting loss of \$1,345,106 for the year. The company had an underwriting gain of \$469,339 in 1955.

Net profit from all operations after provision for federal income tax was \$460,778, equivalent to 38 cents per share and on a consolidated basis, including operations of Canadian and Mexican subsidiaries, earnings applicable to American Surety stockholders were \$557,070, or 46 cents per share.

In his report to stockholders W. E. McKell, president, cited automobile insurance and performance contract surety bonds as primarily responsible for the underwriting loss.

While agreeing that rates in a number of lines have not been sufficient to take care of the losses incurred, Mr. McKell stated that the fact that adverse results were not limited to one class of business or one type of company is significant and suggests a sharp look at other elements of the over-all picture.

Further activities in the field of loss prevention are indicated, he said. Regardless of the type of exposure, this fundamental function of insurance serves a humane and economic interest and enables the public to buy protection at reasonable prices for its true purpose, to cushion the financial loss when, in spite of all precautions, disaster strikes.

Claim climate is another area in which there is much to be done, he added. As insurance is sold more and more widely, claims tend to be magnified and awards made greater, on the general theory that if insurance is involved, the money is available. The existence of insurance, while alleviating financial distress, may at the same time intensify the undisciplined driving habits of those responsible for traffic accidents. He noted signs that the unfavorable cycle of contract bond losses is abating somewhat. The most encouraging are efforts of leading contractors and their insurance agents to place this business in sound and proper perspective.

Minn. Wrongful Death Bill Passes Committee

ST. PAUL—The fight over wrongful death legislation now goes to the floor of the house following action of the judiciary committee in recommending passage of a bill that would boost the limit from the present \$17,500 to \$30,000. At hearings on the bill, insurance representatives opposed the change on the ground that it would increase rates. Stockholders in farm insurance companies especially opposed the bill. The committee, however, approved it with only a few no votes.

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MUTUAL SPOKESMAN**Says UJF Advocates Shirk Responsibilities to Policyholders**

NEW ORLEANS—By advocating the unsatisfied judgment fund idea, certain segments of the insurance industry and some agents' groups are shirking their responsibility to their policyholders, Paul S. Wise of American Mutual Insurance Alliance charged in his talk before the mid-year meeting of National Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents. Mr. Wise said the alliance will "fight the inequities which are being foisted on its member policyholders and will not agree that the only solution to the uninsured motorist problem is to create state funds." Those who advocate such a solution, he said, have abdicated their responsibilities as supporters of the private enterprise system.

The alliance takes the stand, he said, that the basic solution is to eliminate accidents and to have as many motorists financially responsible as possible.

"The alliance feels that the only methods which will produce broader and more liberal coverage at the lowest cost to the motorist are those voluntary insurance programs consistent with sound insurance principles, operating in a free and competitive market," Mr. Wise said.

Mr. Wise admitted that some legislators and some parts of the public do not always agree that a voluntary program is enough. If the demands of the legislators are ignored, it can well mean having undesirable laws, he said.

The alliance feels that it has an obligation to inform the public what further steps can be taken to help solve the problem, Mr. Wise explained. He emphasized that "the alliance does not favor compulsory insurance or any form of it on a countrywide scale."

"Many states," he continued, "are completely unprepared for such a drastic step and should first find ways of strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of their safety responsibility laws so as to cover more uninsured motorists. The approach to universal liability coverage for all motorists must be gradual in order to secure the maximum public acceptance.

An equal responsibility law is a more logical alternative to the problem than the state fund. Critics of the equal responsibility law, finding no other arguments in which the public is interested, have pointed out that such laws do not cover the victims of hit-and-run drivers, willful violators of the law, and the non-resident uninsured motorist. The number of such cases hardly warrants further legislation.

"For example, in the 20 months of operation of the unsatisfied judgment fund in New Jersey, there were only

seven claims paid for hit-and-run cases, amounting to \$23,900. Even if it should become necessary to close this small gap, it can be effectively closed through the uninsured motorist coverage or through a pool arrangement operated by private insurers. Both measures are much better for the policyholders than a state fund."

He said the alliance deplores the results of the Massachusetts law. "But the results there should not deter our industry from finding something better and certainly do not justify turn-

ing the entire problem over to the state. The alliance feels that the equal responsibility law affords an easy, simple and practical solution to the problem and avoids the undesirable features of the Massachusetts law."

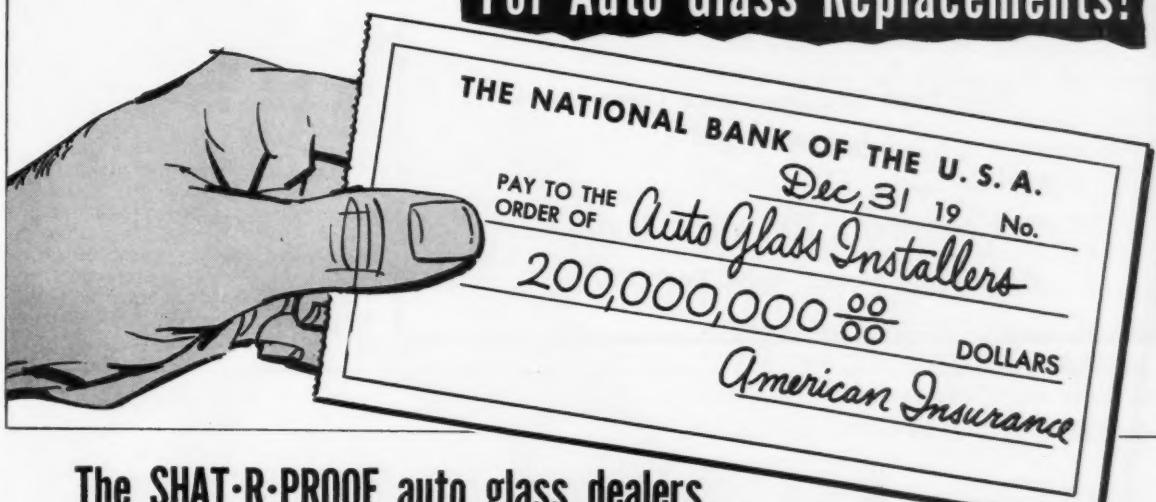
South Carolina and Maryland "furnish a tragic example of capitulation by some insurance companies and agents' associations to the state fund theory," he said.

"In South Carolina the . . . stock companies have sponsored a program whereby the state will guarantee the obligations of 45% of the motorists

presently uninsured there. In addition, by supporting these programs, these companies require their insured—the financially responsible motorists—to file certificates and go through needless red tape to avoid paying the \$10 fee levied against the uninsured motorist."

Mr. Wise charged that in Maryland "a strong group of stock insurance agents have openly admitted their insufficiency to handle the problem and have asked the state fund to take over."

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Commercial Credit Comments on Bad Year for Auto PHD

Commenting on insurance operations in its annual report, Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore explains that written premiums of Calvert Fire and Cavalier were down substantially compared with 1955 "as a result of a determination to improve underwriting and reduce loss ratios." The companies specialize in physical damage insurance on financed automobiles.

The earned premiums were not down in proportion to the reduced written premiums resulting from longer term policies, producing a longer deferment of the premium reserve. Net underwriting profit was down substantially because of reduced earned premiums and the increased loss ratio.

There was a substantial increase in the number of claims, the report states. "The greatly increased number of motor vehicles in use on the public highways, the continued disregard of traffic rules and regulations and inexperienced drivers, together with some laxness in the enforcement of laws and regulations, have materially stepped up the accident frequency which resulted in increased claims and larger claim payments. Every effort is being made to screen applications for insurance coverages more rigidly than ever, even to the extent of refusing to write coverages on financed cars for many dealers. It is evident, based on the experience of many insurance companies, that higher premium rates must be instituted in order to correct the present generally unsatisfactory condition."

American Re Premiums Rise, Underwriting Loses Little in 1956

Premiums written by American Re in 1956 increased \$3,999,053 to reach \$33,441,269. The company reported generally satisfactory underwriting and investment experience. The underwriting loss was \$158,118.

Assets went up \$4,701,802 to an all time high of \$90,151,290. Policyholders surplus, including a voluntary reserve of \$4,000,000, reached \$26,391,497, \$1,174,545 more than 1955. Investment income, less administration expense, climbed to \$2,053,255, also a record high. Earned premiums reached \$30,508,139 compared with \$26,853,791.

Warn Proposed Alaska WC Benefits Would Double Rates

The proposed increases in benefits under the Alaska workmen's compensation act would result in an increase of up to 100% in present rates, the house industrial insurance committee was told at a hearing on the measure. The legislators were told by insurance representatives that the increased benefits, if enacted, would give Alaska the highest WC scale of any state or territorial possession of the U. S.

Iowa 1752 Club Has Claim Session

Iowa 1752 Club held a meeting on claim adjusting at Des Moines last month at which the speakers were Robert Lusk of Mutual Loss Research Bureau, who took up dwelling package policies; Donald L. Dore, Kansas City attorney, who described the use of motion pictures investigating claims, and John Shiffler, Employers Mutual Casualty, whose topic was the family auto policy.

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Security-Connecticut V-P Tells FUAP Adaptation of Some Direct Writer Methods Can Produce an "Unbeatable Combination" for Agency System

A growing number of active agents have recognized changed marketing conditions and have taken the view that they can utilize the important techniques and successful selling methods of direct writers and adapt them to the agency system for an "unbeatable combination," B. J. Daenzer, vice-president of operations of Security-Connecticut group, told the annual meeting of Fire Underwriters Assn. of the Pacific last week at San Francisco.

Mr. Daenzer said the basic pattern of marketing automobile insurance has changed radically in the last few years. Three leading non-agency companies are writing one out of five of all private passenger automobiles registered in the U. S.—20% of the total potential market whether insured or not. In California, five such companies write more than 40% of the automobile liability business, although in 1942 their share of the market was only 22%. "Growing at such an alarming rate," Mr. Daenzer remarked, "these five companies, if unimpeded, would soon have over half of the market in this one state."

Agents who have adapted new techniques to meet direct writer competition are recapturing business they once lost and are getting their share of new business, Mr. Daenzer declared. Automobile constitutes more than 40% of the total fire and casualty business available, and surveys confirm that the agent handling automobile will eventually control the rest of his client's account.

Mr. Daenzer's theme was the use of a "streamlined" automobile plan which provides lower rates and more selling time for the agent. He said two surveys show that two out of three people choose their automobile insurer on price as the motivating factor. The buyer wants quality and service and an independent, unprejudiced local advisor, but he will not pay a great deal of extra for them.

At the same time, the agent needs a system which will release time for selling. Agent after agent, Mr. Daenzer said, has complained of having reached the saturation point and becoming bogged down with detail on personal lines so there is not adequate time to do the right job for commercial clients.

Mr. Daenzer reviewed the principal features of "a streamlined automobile plan which has been enthusiastically adopted by a great number of agents." After the agent sells a policy under this plan, he fills out the application, rates it, collects the premium, mails the application to the company and files his agency copy. Renewals are billed direct, at the agent's option (a practice he said is requested by 70% of the participating agents). The commission is 15%, but Mr. Daenzer said that this has to be balanced against the reduction in detail which even on the same volume of business, if maximum efficiencies of the plan are adopted, allows approximately the same take-home pay. "Actually, however, aggressive use of the plan produces so much additional business that the take-home pay will begin to spiral from year to year."

Such a plan, Mr. Daenzer explained, demanding cash with the application, eliminates free insurance and the extra expense of issuing unnecessary policies and allows the agent more time to sell.

in the world to go to a customer with an offer of service in one hand and a bill in the other. . . . The company can do a much more effective and less costly job of collecting and bookkeeping. They can thereby release the independent agent to his highest skill."

Applications under the plan are signed by the insured, a practice employed by the non-agency companies for correct rating and more careful underwriting and sales advantages. The customer actually feels more certain that the coverage is bound and that he

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Security-Connecticut Opens Branch Office for Nebraska in Omaha

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Cool Air of Reason Blows Toward FTC

The opinion of federal appeals court in the Fireman's Fund-Federal Trade Commission case arrives like a breath of fresh air in a room stuffy with the assumptions, presumptions and arrogations by FTC. It is a relief to hear the court, in authoritative and reasonable tones, pose the FTC with the large and elementary issue of jurisdiction, which it has been so lightly brushing aside ever since it started to flail its way into the A&S business with energy and abandon. There is also some remarkably clear and precise applications of legal principles to the arguments of FTC with respect to the so-called "shotgun" subpoena served on President James F. Crafts of Fireman's Fund.

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poration or where it has its principal place of business. But it must not be forgotten that many states scrupulously control the media of dissemination of policies, such as brokers, agents and advertising of foreign corporations engaged in the insurance business within the territorial jurisdiction thereof. In initiating a scheme of regulation of strictly interstate negotiation and sale of insurance policies, it might have been well for FTC to establish as to two different states what the limits of such business are.

There was no examination by the district court of the relevancy and pertinence of the testimony and documents demanded to any matter into which the FTC was empowered by state to inquire.

"This court is of the opinion that the subpoena was so broad on its face and the implications of the complaint upon which it was based are so far reaching that it would have been almost impossible to frame appropriate phrases of limitation. If the subpoena be enforced without regard to the relevancy of the testimony sought to the areas over which the commission has

The appeals court points out that the FTC actually imposed on the district court, which upheld its contentions, a limitation to the jurisdiction of that court. FTC urged the court to accept its interpretation of its own powers for the purpose of making the investigation. The appeals court rejected this limitation upon the jurisdiction of the trial court. The appeals court points out:

"It cannot be too often reiterated that the attempt to enforce an administrative subpoena initiates a case or controversy. All questions relating to jurisdiction of the court, authority of the administrative body, reasonableness of the demand under all these circumstances, with regard for due process and protection of individual rights, and relevancy of the testimony of documents are justiciable."

Congress has the power to exclude such action as that of FTC, and if FTC is precluded from jurisdiction, it would have no power to act, and the court would be bound to declare so, the high court made clear.

The appeals court then quotes the McCarran act and points out that in the face of this statute, FTC decided by a vote of three to two that it has a broad and uncontrolled power to regulate the insurance business.

The appeals court then states that the power of FTC to act at all is based upon the exception contained in a proviso of the McCarran act. The distinct purpose of Congress, emphatically set out in the act, was to abandon the field of regulation to the states, where the power traditionally lay. Judicial knowledge may be taken of the fact that, in view of the responsibility which lay on the individual states to regulate this business when by hypothesis there could be no federal regulation, the field was well covered both in the states of origin of the corporations and in the states of dissemination of advertising and of written policies.

In the time zone which Congress deliberately created for the purpose, the appellate court goes on state legislation to fill lacunae in regulation was widely enacted, as was the intention. A major portion controls the corporation in the place of its incor-

established jurisdiction, the ruling would not only be unfair to the company, but could be quoted as a precedent for an unlimited authority for investigation and discovery in the field of insurance, whether intrastate or interstate. The agency could have limited the subpoena itself so as to have raised the question of its power by particularizing the demand. If the demand had been confined to records relevant to interstate commerce with another single state such as Montana, where there is probably the least regulation of advertising by a foreign corporation in the insurance area, a much closer question would have been presented. But decisions as to relevance as well as those as to reasonable or arbitrary exercise of power must have bases in facts."

The appeals court said the district court had jurisdiction to decide and is required to decide whether the statutes have withdrawn the power from FTC to regulate insurance.

Thus, the appeals court tells FTC that it is not entitled to make its own rules. Its power is subject to higher—and what seems to be clearer—authority. Whether the court is stating here that there is a question of FTC being in this area at all, it sounds reasonably certain that the court is saying that FTC may well not be long in any state which is doing a good job of regulating A&S.—Kenneth O. Force

PERSONALS

John A. Diemand, president of North America, is vice-chairman of the insurance committee of President Eisenhower's people-to-people partnership program for better international relations.

Walter B. Savage, special agent at the head office of Standard Fire of Trenton, has a clown fire prevention skit which he is giving to school children. He is president of the Trenton Clown Club which entertains children in the area.

Ben H. Mitchell, president of Texas Employers, has been named chairman of the mutual fire and casualty insurance division of National Fund for Medical Education.

DEATHS

GEORGE GOSSIP, 84, agent at White Plains, N. Y., died at his home there after a long illness. At one time he had been with Travelers and Aetna Life group in the west and midwest.

A. FLEMING KIMBALL, 69, former Norfolk manager of North America Assurance Society of Virginia, died in a hospital there. Prior to 1940 he represented Confederation Life of Toronto in Shanghai.

HARRY HARRISON, 79, past president and chairman of Worcester Mutual Fire, died in St. Petersburg, Fla.

GLENN S. BLOUNT, 70, former secretary of Western Mutual of Des

Moines, died in Des Moines General hospital of a heart ailment. He had been ill for four years and recently underwent surgery. He was with Western Mutual for 25 years, serving as secretary for 15 years before his retirement three years ago.

ALBERT G. SMITH, 78, treasurer of Albert G. Smith & Son, local agency in Brockton, Mass., died there. He was the father of the agency's president, Graham Smith, a past president of Massachusetts Assn. of Insurance Agents, and the twin brother of Fred B. Smith of Haverhill, also a past president of the association.

HAROLD L. STIPP, 44, partner in the Morse & Stipp insurance agency at Council Bluffs, died after suffering a heart attack. His partner in the insurance agency, Leon A. Morse, is a former president of Iowa Assn. of Insurance agents.

FRANK C. McALPINE, 76, Miami, Fla. local agent, died there.

WARREN H. BROWN, of the Warren H. Brown agency in Rutland, Vt., died there.

PRESTON T. KELSEY, 89, who retired as U. S. manager of Sun in 1928, died at his home in Montclair, N. J. He was one of the three Kelsey brothers who occupied prominent insurance positions for more than 30 years.

Preston Kelsey entered insurance in 1891 with the D. W. Burrows & Co. agency of Chicago. He was named Illinois state agent and adjuster for Hanover in 1894, and three years later went with L. & L. & G. in Indiana and western Ohio. He retired from field work in 1899 to become vice-president and manager of Marion Trust Co. of Indianapolis, which conducted an insurance department. In 1904 he was appointed assistant manager in the western department of Sun, becoming western manager in

1913 and U. S. manager in 1919. He was elected president of Patriotic in 1922, and retired in 1927 at the age of 59.

A son, Preston H. Kelsey, is vice-chairman of Marsh & McLennan and is president of Marsh & McLennan-Cosgrave & Co. at San Francisco.

Mr. Kelsey's brothers, now dead, Horatio Nelson and Joseph A., also had distinguished insurance careers. Horatio Nelson Kelsey resigned in 1931 as chairman of Underwriters Trust Co. of New York after having served as U. S. manager of Hamburg-Bremen Fire, U. S. manager of London & Scottish and deputy U. S. manager and attorney for Northern of London. Joseph A. Kelsey organized the western department of Aachen & Munich and later was U. S. manager, and then was general agent for Tokio F. & M., which reinsured Aachen & Munich, and was president of Standard of New York, an associated company of the Tokio. Horatio Nelson Kelsey and Preston T. Kelsey were presidents of the old Fire Underwriters Assn. of the Northwest, Horatio in 1908 and Preston in 1918.

FLOYD N. DULL, 73, of Rutherford, N. J., for many years an insurance executive and in recent years in the securities business, died. He started in insurance in 1912 as a special agent at Detroit for Travelers. He went to Cleveland as special representative in 1914 and later that year was made assistant manager at New York, becoming



Floyd N. Dull manager in 1921. Two years later he became resident vice-president and manager in New York for Commercial Casualty. In 1930 he became vice-president in charge of the eastern department of Continental Casualty. In 1947 Mr. Dull was selected by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the New York department to become president of Preferred Accident in an endeavor to rehabilitate the company. Mr. Dull's son-in-law, Charles P. Woods, is sales director of the National Underwriter Co.

CHARLES G. TAYLOR, a partner in Taylor-Palmer, local agents in Bradford, Vt., and a past president of Vermont Assn. of Insurance Agents, died in Sarasota, Fla.

EVERT A. KEMP, 68, Bellevue, local agent, died. In 1923 he formed the Kemp agency which he operated until his death.

J. HORTON IJAMS, 72, who was with the financial department of Continental for 17 years preceding his retirement in 1954, died at his home in New York city after a stroke.

CHESTER E. JOHNSON, retired national board special agent in Alabama, died in Montgomery. He was with the board from 1927 to 1950.

JOSEPH A. RIORDAN, 90, local agent at Harrison N. J., for 70 years, died in St. Michael's hospital, Newark. He served in the state legislature 1905-07.

CATHERINE MASON, 57, wife of James Mason, a partner in Flynn, Harrison & Conroy, New York insurance brokers, died in Parsons hospital in Flushing, N. Y.

Testify Lack of Cover Is not Delaying Atomic Power Developments

WASHINGTON—During hearings on atomic energy program and prospects, Sen. Anderson, vice-chairman of the joint committee on atomic energy, brought out from witnesses for Pennsylvania Power & Light and Westinghouse Electric Corp. that their plans for a power reactor are not being held up by lack of an insurance or indemnity program.

Another witness, Andrew J. Biemiller, counsel for AFL-CIO, testified that only two states have adequate workmen's compensation laws for protection from radiation hazards—New York and California. WC laws in 10 states do not recognize radiation hazards as compensable, he said, but attention is being given to this matter in legislatures of six states now in session.

Charge Auto Club Helps Solicit Member Coverage

Greater New York Insurance Brokers' Assn. has filed statements with Superintendent Leffert Holz and Attorney General Lefkowitz charging that Automobile Club of New York has resumed its practice of actively helping A.C.N.Y. Agency Co. of New York obtain insurance leads by supplying the names of new members.

Following an investigation into the operations of both groups, the attorney general last fall ordered the agency to disassociate itself from the club.

Mortimer L. Nathanson, president, said the brokers are in possession of mailing pieces from A.C.N.Y. Agency Co. which point up the special relationship between it and the club. Solicitation letters are sent new members whose names presumably are supplied by the club, he charged.

Formal complaints filed by brokers' counsel, C. Joseph Danahy, allege that the club is a membership organization and that it violates its charter by using its membership lists for business purposes beyond the scope of its stated objectives. The complaints further allege that the cooperation of both organizations constitute unfair competition and violate the New York general business law as well as the insurance law.

Chicago CPCUs to Hear Davis on Tax Problems

Chicago chapter of CPCU will hear Charles W. Davis discuss "Sharing Insurance Proceeds with the Tax Collector" at its March meeting. Mr. Davis was formerly chief counsel of the bureau of internal revenue and is now a member of a Chicago law firm.

Dealers National in New Home

Officers, directors and stockholders of Dealers National of Dallas were host last week to employees and the public at an open house party in the new home office building.

The 1956 statement of Dealers National shows an underwriting profit. The company specializes in enterprises linked with the liquified petroleum gas and gasoline industry and physical damage coverage on private passenger automobiles.



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(continued)

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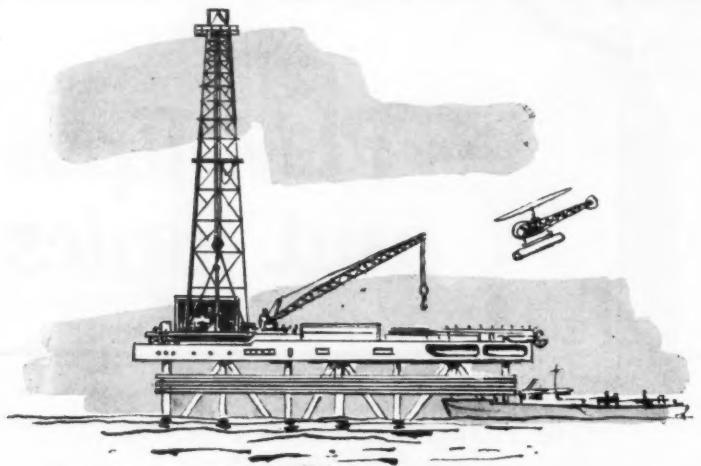
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Kemper Group Shows 2,224 Firemen Assemble for Underwriting Gain of \$21 Million for '56 Memphis Conference

The five companies in the Kemper group showed an underwriting gain of \$21,604,237 in 1956, before taxes and dividends to policyholders, James S. Kemper, chairman, reported.

Investment earnings amounted to \$6,979,531, making a total gain of \$28,583,768 for the group—Lumbermens Mutual Casualty, American Motorists, American Manufacturers Mutual, Federal Mutual and American Farmers Mutual.

More than \$20 million was returned to policyholders in dividends. The balance, after federal income taxes, was added to surplus and voluntary reserves.

Combined net premium income for 1956 rose to nearly \$175 million, up almost \$10 million over 1955.

"Proud as we are of our record in a year when the insurance industry encountered more than its normal share of problems," Mr. Kemper said, "we are faced with the indisputable fact that our showing and that of the insurance business as a whole would have been better had it not been for our country's current inflationary trend."

Conn. Agents Favor Bills to Control "Group" Cover, Ban Giveaway Insurance

Connecticut Assn. of Insurance Agents is supporting several pieces of legislation, including one to amend the present law governing applications for insurance licenses to state "that the applicant intends to hold himself out to the public and in good faith carry on the business of an insurance agent or broker."

The agents also favor regulation of the use of special rating plans for group insurance on groups not having common ownership, prohibitions of free or cut rate insurance used to induce the sale of something besides insurance, and an Ohio type bill to prohibit licensing as agents of those engaged in selling personal property on a finance basis.

The agents are opposed to the compulsory auto bill for drivers under 21, the compulsory bill that resembles the law in New York, and the equal responsibility bill, which includes an imprisonment feature.

Department legislation includes a bill to govern the sale of certain coverages usually sold as a package in connection with the sale of motor vehicles, and a bill clarifying what constitutes misleading advertising of A&S. The agents are supporting these two.

The agents' association has retained Lester M. Shea to represent it in Hartford during the legislative session. Mr. Shea is a local agent at Willimantic and past chairman of the agents' legislative committee.

Loren S. Bush, chief engineer of Pacific Board, presented a detailed account of southern California's Malibu Beach forest fire last December to 2,224 firemen attending the annual Fire Department Instructors Conference in Memphis.

Stressing the importance of training in fire fighting operations, Mr. Bush cited the actions of Los Angeles county fire department, aided by a state wide mutual aid system, in containing the fire, which burned for three days and covered more than 37,000 acres. Out of 1,540 homes in the area, only 84 burned, and more than 400 of those saved were located in regions where water was not available.

"Most remarkable," he commented, "is the record of only one life lost in the entire disaster," an auto accident only indirectly caused by the fire. Quoting Chief Klinger of the Los Angeles department, Mr. Bush concluded, "The Malibu fires demonstrated the importance of training. Training of my men and those who came to help was the reason we did not lose a man."

Chester I. Babcock, National Fire Protection Assn., listed the four basic fire safety principles in analyzing large 1956 fire losses. Neglect of the first, prompt fire detection, shows up repeatedly as an important contributing factor in large fire losses, he said, stating that delayed discovery occurs in half of all large manufacturing plant fires, four-fifths of large mercantile and warehouse fires, and 11 out of 12 school fires.

Prompt alarm transmission once a fire is discovered is the second principle that must be emphasized by management to watchmen and employees, Mr. Babcock continued. "A third fundamental often neglected is provision for strong facilities of fire control, both manual and automatic." He revealed that the most serious building fires in 1956 were located in areas without public protection, many in small towns where adequate fire fighting apparatus cannot be maintained.

Failure to subdivide areas to contain fire outbreaks, the fourth principle, has contributed to 75% of large loss building fires in recent years, Mr. Babcock concluded. Areas should be limited to the size absolutely necessary, and, if necessarily large, additional stress must be put on facilities for prompt fire detection and control, he recommended.

Over a 30-year period, automatic sprinklers have an efficiency record 96.2%, Raymond J. Casey, executive director of National Automatic Sprinkler & Fire Control Assn., reported. To eliminate the 3.8% in which sprinklers did not perform satisfactorily, he urged fire departments to learn where control valves and connections are located when inspecting buildings, since closed valves account for a large amount of the unsatisfactory operation. Also, building owners and tenants should be educated to the importance of leaving sprinkler valves open at all times.

Mr. Casey recommended that cities adopt a basement sprinkler ordinance requiring automatic sprinkler protection in basements of merchantile and manufacturing occupancies. He urged that more buildings be equipped with sprinklers.

Give Office Operation Hints at N. J. Midyear

New techniques and ways to do old jobs in the agency office and thus conserve more of the premium dollar for profit were outlined at New Jersey Assn. of Insurance Agents midyear meeting in Asbury Park last week by Guy Fergason, head of Fergason Personnel, Chicago insurance employment counselor, agency broker and office management expert.

In a talk titled "Office Short Cuts for Agencies," Mr. Fergason told his audience that "if we were to accomplish nothing more at this session than to awaken a genuine interest in work simplification, refute the idea that your business is different from others in respect to clerical detail, and create a real curiosity in what other companies are doing, it is my opinion that the time will have been well spent."

Directing his remarks to techniques, he characterized bottlenecks, delays and failures as symptoms of poor methods. "If management will find out why these delays occur rather than accept them as the inevitable aspect of volume variations, some startling accomplishments in work simplification can be produced." If we will take advantage of every opportunity to study our methods, using the "prosaic crisis" as an excuse for further "survey and analysis," he added, bottlenecks will disappear.

Among the short cuts he prescribed were: the elimination of copying whenever and whenever possible, the balancing of man-hours to work load by reducing operational time and motion, arrangement of office furniture and equipment in terms of work flow to eliminate unnecessary movement and conserve space, flexibility through training office personnel, and the elimination of private offices as a means of expediting work flow and increasing daily volume.

To save space and expense, he advocated microfilming records for storage, the use of five or six drawer files rather than the widely accepted four drawer files, the use of lighter weight paper and envelopes, electric typewriters for high volume and multiple copy work, mechanical dictation and transcription devices, and a standardizing of kind, size, type and grade of equipment and office supplies.

As one source of saving money, he mentioned the use of window envelopes. "About 10% of the typing load for average business correspondence can be eliminated," he said, "by taking advantage of the name and address which is always typed in the letter and thereby can be used, by standard fold, so as to synchronize with the window in the envelope." He noted that the average cost of typing a separate envelope is 5 cents.

A trick for reducing bulk and increasing filing space was to use the reverse side of incoming correspondence for the carbon of the reply. This keeps both together in one place, on one piece of paper, for quick and ready reference.

Other short cuts offered included placing filing cabinets close to the point of use, the use of form letters

and form paragraphs for repetitive correspondence, and an audit of overtime. "Check overtime pay," he said, "and determine if it is necessary." Many a hidden salary increase is unofficially buried in overtime pay for non-exempt employees. Continuous overtime is a symptom of either poor methods, lack of work application, or imbalance of workload and man-hours, or it may be a combination of all three. In any event, he added, "it is a costly way of attaining a questionable increase in production—even for the boss."

Concluding his talk with a discussion of management control areas, Mr. Fergason said that every position in the office should be studied in order to determine what each employee does. If to the job analysis is added the factor of time so that each employee explains what they do and how much time is spent doing it—the result will be a work distribution analysis. When work is unfairly and indefinitely assigned, employees have a tendency to shift responsibility to others. Nothing produces a lowering of morale as much

as when a couple of employees get by without carrying their fair share of the work load.

To conserve time and money, he said further, "compute the cost of writing a policy, a letter, turning out a report, and maintaining a record. It is my observation that much of the carelessness toward expense abuse springs from lack of information. If it is known that it costs from 50 to 80 cents to write a letter, there is a better chance of controlling letter writing activities. If it is known that it costs \$1.50, \$2 or even \$3 to write an invoice, policy or other form, alternate ways may be developed to reduce the cost.

"Management must furnish the incentive as well as the example for the organization," he said in summing up. "If management demonstrates little if any interest in or concern for expenses, efficiency, and productivity, is there any reason for the employees to become interested? If management doesn't set the example of punctuality, regularity of attendance, and work application, office personnel in small offices take their cue from management and become lackadaisical in their efforts.

"Management should reward effi-

N. H. Agents Assn. Sets Program for Midyear Meeting

New Hampshire Assn. of Insurance Agents has completed organizing the program of the midyear meeting to be held in Manchester, April 4.

Following the opening report on association activities by President Seth A. Lamson of New London, Warren A. Bodwell of the Lockwood-Bodwell agency in Manchester will discuss the value to independent agents of tying in with the current National Board countrywide advertising campaign. Frank Whaland of the Archie Slawsby agency in Nashua will speak on the commercial block policy.

In connection with the meeting, Insurance Women's League will conduct a panel on office problems and management.

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Buffalo Appoints Two Eastern State Agents

Buffalo has appointed two new state agents—Robert S. Bush in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and Ronald B. Yates in eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia.

Recently engaged as a fire engineer, Mr. Bush has been in the business since 1950. He will make his headquarters in Pittsburgh. Mr. Yates has been an underwriter and in sales in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He will be in charge of the office at 273 Montgomery avenue in Cynwyd, Pa.

Fireman's Fund Names Thorne in N. C. Hail Post

James D. Thorne has been named by Fireman's Fund group as special agent for the hail department in North Carolina. He will assist M. C. Gardner, hail supervisor, and have headquarters at Raleigh. Mr. Thorne has been in educational work in North Carolina since 1949, and during the summer months has been adjusting hail losses for Crop Hail Adjustment Bureau.

South Jersey Field Club Elects Officers

Insurance Field Club of South Jersey at its meeting in Camden elected R. W. Nelson of National of Hartford Fire group president, Marshall R. Markee of Aetna Fire group vice-president, Harry C. Wolfe of Great American group secretary, and Raymond D. Houlihan Jr. of Aetna Casualty treasurer.

State Agent H. A. Thompson of Fireman's Fund group, and Special Agents Theodore K. Glenn of Ohio Casualty and Russell Daley of Camden Fire were elected to the executive committee.

Two Are Transferred by Phoenix of Hartford

Phoenix of Hartford group has transferred State Agent William E. Evans from the Oklahoma to the Mississippi district office at Jackson and Special Agent William H. Lampe from Buffalo to Cleveland.

Mr. Evans has been with the group since 1925, Mr. Lampe since 1952.

Fund Group Names Sawyer Marine Special in N. M.

Fund insurance group has appointed Alan H. Sawyer marine special agent for New Mexico. He will have headquarters at Albuquerque.

Hartford A. & I. Names Special Agent in Vt.

Hartford Accident has appointed David A. Comfort a special agent in Vermont, with headquarters in the office in Barre. He has been with the company since 1955, and has completed training in the home office and at the company training center.

Flach Made State Agent

Agricultural and Empire State have promoted Joseph L. Flach to state agent in Connecticut, where he has been located.

To Inspect Vero Beach, Florida

Florida Fieldmen's Assn. will inspect Vero Beach March 21, following the monthly meeting March 20. The inspection is sponsored by Indian River Assn. of Stock Insurance Agents.

Wolverine Names 4, Opens New Ind. Service Office

Wolverine has opened a new area service office in Bedford, Ind., and has appointed Jack Henthorn field man for southern Indiana. Mr. Henthorn has been with Fireman's Fund group in Indianapolis. H. T. Pemberton, formerly at the Warsaw, Ind., office, has been appointed claims manager in Bedford.

Replacing Mr. Pemberton in Warsaw is James Miller, transferred from Dayton, O.; William Chandler, transferring from the Lebanon, Ind., office, will be area claims manager in Dayton.

Aetna Fire Group Shifts Three Special Agents

Aetna Fire group has transferred special agents Arthur G. Kureczka from Rochester to Hartford, Allen R. Ross from Albany to Rochester and Frederick T. Minton from Baltimore to Albany.

Mr. Kureczka has been with the group since 1948, Mr. Ross since 1954, and Mr. Minton joined since 1952. They are graduates of the group's multiple line training school.

N.D. Pond Initiates Seven At Midyear in Moorehead

North Dakota Peace Garden Pond of Blue Goose held its semi-annual initiation meeting and ladies' party at Moorehead, Minn. Seven goslings were initiated. Grand Supervisor R. L. Fenty of Calgary, Alberta, was guest speaker.

Inspect Mogadore, Ohio

With Bruce Jackson, Great American, and Joseph Greenwood, New York Underwriters, as co-chairmen, and the assistance of 14 field men, Mogadore, O., was inspected recently by Ohio Fire Prevention Assn. The number of inspections made was 57, with 188 recommendations. Two addresses were made to 605 students, at which films were shown.

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American (N.J.)	27 1/4	28 1/4	
American Motorists	10 3/4	11 1/2	
American Surety	17	18	
Boston	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Camden Fire	27 3/4	28 1/4	
Continental Casualty	78 1/2	80	
Crum & Forster com.	57	60	
Federal	35 1/2	36 1/2	
Fire Association	44	45	
Fireman's Fund	54 1/2	56	
Firemen's (N.J.)	34	35	
General Reinsurance	47	48	
Glens Falls	32 1/2	33 1/2	
Globe & Republic	17 1/2	18 1/4	
Great America Fire	37	38	
Hartford Fire	158	162	
Hanover Fire	39	40 1/2	
Home (N.Y.)	41 1/2	42 1/2	
Ins. Co. of No. America	94 1/2	95 1/2	
Maryland Casualty	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Mass. Bonding	29 1/2	30 1/2	
National Casualty	63	Bid	
National Fire	73	76	
National Union	38	39	
New Amsterdam Cas.	44 1/2	45 1/2	
New Hampshire	36 1/2	38	
North River	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Ohio Casualty	23	25	
Phoenix Conn.	73 3/4	75	
Prov. Wash.	22 1/2	23	
St. Paul F. & M.	51 1/2	53	
Security, Conn.	34	35 1/2	
Springfield F. & M.	45	46 1/2	
Standard Accident	52	54	
Travelers	75 1/4	76 1/4	
U. S. F. & G.	66 1/2	67 1/2	
U. S. Fire	23 1/2	24 1/2	

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Mich. CIO Plans Health Service with Diagnosis Clinic

LANSING—Insurance observers are watching closely developments in an incipient rivalry between Blue-Cross-Blue Shield and a newly formed union-sponsored hospital-medical service plan not yet actually in operation. The latter, backed by powerful elements in the CIO around the Detroit area, has adopted the name Community Health Assn. and has announced its objectives to be not only provision of hospital service but a clinical medical service designed to obtain early diagnosis of ailments, thus heading off expensive hospitalization.

Drs. Fernald Foster, president of Michigan Medical Service (Blue Shield) and Arch Walls, vice-president, addressed Detroit Economic Club during the past week and outlined steps their organization plans to broaden its service.

Dr. Foster said Blue Shield has plans afoot to meet demands for a more comprehensive health program. He said a definite outline of the new service would be announced within six months. He said his organization, however, "has no business in the insurance field as some groups advocate." Drs. Foster and Walls criticized the union efforts to "push government into provision of medical services." They said there is no professional service that Blue Shield cannot provide but that extended service would mean higher costs. Dr. Walls specifically declared his organization has no intention of "fighting" the new union-backed health plan which apparently will seek to have the entire premium burden borne by employers. He said the CHA plan will inevitably lead to "confusion and headaches."

Form Southwestern Mich. A&H Assn. of Battle Creek

BATTLE CREEK—Southwestern Michigan A&H Assn. was formed here last week at an organization session attended by some 45 agents. Roy G. Mathews, Federal Life & Casualty, was named the first president. Other officers are: Vice-president, Jack Follett, Monarch Life, Kalamazoo; treasurer, Duane Burnham, Metropolitan Life, Kalamazoo.

James Cooper, president of Michigan A&H Assn., with which the new organization is affiliated, and S. Horner, vice-president of Time, were other speakers.

Insurograph Division Sold by Skyland to Life Companies Inc.

Skyland Life of Charlotte, N. C. has sold its Insurograph division for \$4 million to Life Companies Inc. of Richmond, Va. A considerable part of the proceeds will be used to finance a more rapid expansion in the life insurance business. Tentative plans call for entering Tennessee and Virginia this year. The company now operates in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

The Insurograph division distributes air travel insurance policies over the counter and through vending machines at airports. President Waldo C. Cheek of Skyline said the sale of the Insurograph division has no relation to the company's growth from \$10 million in force in 1953 to \$41 million last year, the volume having been built entirely from income from the division.

Part of A&S Program of LIAMA Is Ready

The keynote of LIAMA's A&S conference April 15-17 at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago is the responsibility and challenge confronting top management when the company offers both A&S and life. S. E. McCreless, president of American Hospital & Life, opening speaker, will treat this topic.

John P. Meehan, Boston manager of Mutual of New York, will discuss the value of being able to offer a recruit A&S, as respects the recruit's income, financing, and long-run success.

Stuart C. Ferris and Kenneth L. Hobbs, LIAMA staff representatives, will enact how to present the career in a company selling both life and A&S.

William B. Stannard, vice-president of Occidental Life, and president of LIAMA, will bring greetings.

An evening session will feature a forum on trends in new A&S coverages with W. G. Alpaugh Jr., president of Inter-Ocean, as moderator. Participants will be Wilbur W. Hartshorn, superintendent of agencies of Metropolitan Life; H. Stanley Marmaduke, assistant vice-president of Atlantic Life; and Jack E. Rawles, 2nd vice-president of Lincoln National. They will consider recently developed "paid-up" A&S policies, the new overhead expense policies, and deductibles in major medical and hospital.

Ind. Assembly Sets Up Group to Investigate A&S

The so-called "Blue Cross investigation bill" that had previously been adopted by the Indiana senate unanimously, last week was adopted by the house without dissenting vote.

The bill (actually, a joint resolution) establishes a special, non-partisan, joint house-senate committee to "conduct a study of the operations of all companies or associations or others engaged in the business of providing hospitalization or prepaid hospital expense plans."

The resolution itself does not specifically mention Blue Cross, but it was introduced by Sen. J. Russell Townsend, who had been previously quoted following an announcement of Blue Cross rate hikes in the state as saying that "perhaps the whole situation needs investigating." As a result, the resolution has been tagged in the press as a "Blue Cross probe."

The investigation resolution calls for the special committee to file a report with the legislative advisory commission on or before Sept. 15, 1958, for transmission to the next session of the biennial assembly, which will open Jan. 1959.

Texas A&S Assn. Elects: Austin Local Reorganizes

Texas Assn. of A&H Underwriters has elected Herman Andrew, Business Men's Assurance, president; W. A. Borden, American Hospital & Life, and Glenn Brooks, Southland Life, vice-presidents, and O. D. Harlan, National Travelers, secretary.

Directors and officers of the state association attended a reorganization meeting of Austin A&H Underwriters Assn. Ralph Keller, American General Life, was elected president of the Austin local, and John Scheppel, American Hospital & Life, secretary-treasurer.

L. I. Casualty Formed

Long Island Casualty, an A&S company, has been incorporated. Its authorized capital is \$50,000, and it will maintain offices at Garden City, L.I. Counsel of the new firm is Roosevelt & Freidin, with which Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. is connected.

March 14, 1957

1956 WC Premiums Hit \$1½ Billion, Up 5%, Leslie Reports

Countrywide workmen's compensation premiums in 1956 totaled \$1½ billion, an increase of about 5%, William Leslie Jr. states in his annual report as general manager of National Council on Compensation Insurance. Mr. Leslie has resigned this post to go with America Fore as actuary, and this was his last report in the council position.

Experience in the second half of 1956 improved over the first half, he stated. While 1956 will be a little higher than 1955, it will still be within the permissible loss and loss expense ratio of about 70%. For stock non-participating companies, including the effect of revised premium discounts which have been reduced for risks qualifying under the premium discount plan, the figures show 72.8% of the premium goes for the direct benefit of employer and employees. Company operating expense is 7.9%, profit and contingencies 2.5%, commissions, brokerage and field supervision 14.3% and state taxes 2.5%.

As a result of a reappraisal of expenses by size of risk, based on latest statistical data available, revised premium discounts were adopted during the year. These discounts for stock insurers are nothing for the first \$1,000; they increase from 8.5 to 9% on the next \$4,000 of premium; from 13.5 to 14% on the next \$95,000 premium and from 15 to 16.5% on premiums of more than \$100,000. For non-stock insurers these figures are zero on the first \$1,000, increase from 2.5 to 3% on the next \$4,000, from 5.5 to 6% on the next \$95,000 and from 7 to 8.5% on more than \$100,000.

Acquisition, general administration, and audit expense for stock insurers was 24.5% for the first \$1,000, 16% for the next \$4,000, 11% for the next \$95,000, and 9% for more than \$100,000. For non-stock insurers these figures were 24.5%, 21.5%, 18.6% and 16.6%.

It is estimated that the countrywide effect of the rate adjustments made necessary by increases in benefits effected by legislatures in 1956 was 1.6%. Also, recognition was given to the substantially increased costs resulting from the 1956 amendments to the U. S. longshoremen's and harbor workers' compensation act.

The council's Interstate Compensation Rating Bureau promulgated about 25,000 individual interstate experience modifications during 1956, about 1,000 more than in 1955 and the smallest increase since the bureau began its operations a few years ago. This indicates that now there are few risks eligible for interstate experience rating which have not been directed to the bureau for rating purposes.

The council administers 21 workmen's compensation assigned risk plans. The number of risks afforded coverage under such plans continued to rise in 1956. The number of assigned risks for these jurisdictions and the estimated premiums starting in 1952 and continuing through 1956, are: 3,061 for \$1,680,900; 4,582 for \$3,591,900, 5,292 for \$4,051,178; 5,270 for \$4,264,658, and 5,381 for \$4,367,080.

For 1954, latest year available, experience was 72.9% for loss and loss adjustment expense. The council also operates automobile assigned risk

A. F. James to Retire After 70 Years With Northwestern Natl.

Alfred F. James, chairman of Northwestern National since 1936 and a veteran of 70 years in the insurance business, will retire March 31.

Mr. James, who is 88, started with Northwestern National in 1887. He was with the company for several years and then went into the agency business, returning to Northwestern National in 1897.

Herman A. Schmidt, a vice-president of Northwestern National and with the company since 1898, also is retiring in the near future. He will continue as a director.

S. W. Weidenfeller, Arthur F. Hart and Carl A. Palm have been elected vice-presidents of Northwestern National and Northwestern National Casualty, and will continue in their other offices, Mr. Weidenfeller as secretary of Northwestern National, and Messrs. Palm and Hart as assistant secretaries-treasurers.

D. Z. Reinertsen and John T. Salentine, assistant secretary-treasurers of Northwestern National Casualty, have been named also to the same positions with Northwestern National.

Alfred F. James is a second generation officer of Northwestern National. His father was made president of the company in 1887, and his son, Charles D. James, has been president since 1936. A fourth generation James, Charles D. Jr., also is with the company, but is not an officer.

Alfred F. James' father became president of Northwestern National upon the death of Alexander Mitchell, the founder. Mr. James Sr. had been an agent for the company at Chicago and impressed the management with his work in settling losses resulting from the Great Chicago fire of 1871.

plans in 19 states, and in 1956 the number of applicants processed increased 13,500, or about 15%, over 1955. There were 96,717 risks that secured coverage under the plans in 1956.

In 1956, Mr. Leslie pointed out, the council undertook administration of the underground coal mine assigned risk pools which provide coverage for uninsured underground coal mine risks in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

The report presents a table showing the rise in WC premium volume in those states under council jurisdiction from 1952 to 1955. All were increases except Arkansas, which decreased 3.5%, Nebraska, which decreased .6%, and Kentucky, which decreased 9.9%. For the other states involved the increases were: Connecticut 30.9%; District of Columbia 1%; Florida 43.1%; Indiana 12.7%; Kansas 15.1%; Maryland 30.5%; Missouri 24.4%; Oklahoma 18.4%; South Carolina 6.8%; Colorado 49%; New Mexico 138.8%; Utah 21%; Iowa 8.2%; South Dakota 11.2%; Alabama .9%; Georgia 49.6%; Louisiana 35.6%; Mississippi 11.2%, and Tennessee 21.1%. The over-all increase is 23.7% for the period.

In retrospective rating, plan D was broadened to permit automobile physical damage insurance to be combined with WC coverage.

Society of Insurance Brokers of San Francisco has moved its office to 465 California street.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

KANSAS CITY FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956

	Percent to Total Assets
ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 2,767,349.89 27.12%
Investments:	
Bonds:	
United States Government	692,182.32 6.78
Canadian Government (U. S. Dollars)	125,717.60 1.23
State and Municipal	2,686,403.63 26.32
Corporation and Miscellaneous	51,307.04 .50
Total Bonds	\$ 3,555,610.59 34.83%
Total Cash and Bonds	\$ 6,322,960.48 61.95%
Common and Preferred Stocks	2,432,601.00 23.84
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 8,755,561.48 85.79%
Premium Balances (Less than 90 days due)	1,077,068.34 10.56
Due from Other Insurance Companies	224,906.58 2.20
Accrued Interest	27,948.56 .27
All Other Assets	119,470.26 1.18
Total Admitted Assets	\$10,204,955.22 100.00%
LIABILITIES	
Reserve for Reinsurance Balances Payable	\$ 78,404.63
Funds Held Under Reinsurance Treaties	495,204.42
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	4,575,144.95
Reserve for Taxes	219,572.30
Reserve for Losses in Process of Adjustment	1,117,719.24
Reserve for All Other Liabilities	100,556.65
Total Liabilities, except Capital	\$ 6,586,602.19
Capital (100,000 shares; par value \$10.00)	1,000,000.00
Surplus	2,618,353.03
Surplus to Policyholders	\$ 3,618,353.03
Total Liabilities, Capital and Surplus	\$10,204,955.22

Bonds are carried on an amortized basis; stocks at December 31, 1956 market values as prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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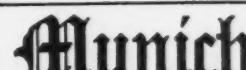
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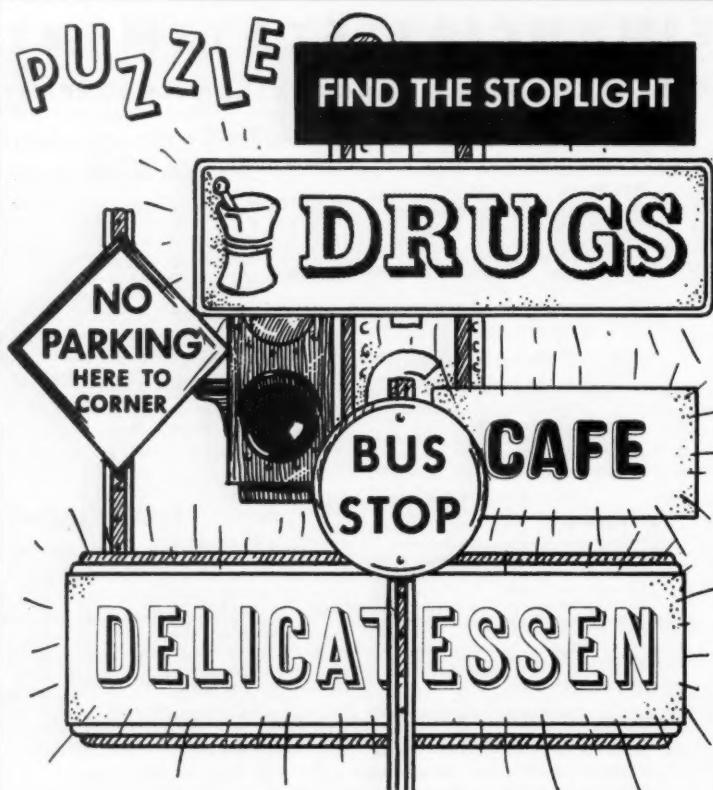
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Companies Report on 1956 Results

Surplus in the following company reports refers to surplus to policyholders.

Allied American Mutual, Boston—Assets, \$15,935,798, incr., \$1,110,141; loss res., \$2,407,776; unearned prem., \$4,642,852; capital, \$500,000; surplus, \$5,746,418, incr. \$185,931.

	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
Fire	549,107	194,852
Extended coverage	262,951	46,636
Other allied lines	2,417	97
Homeowners mult. peril	90,193	46,706
Earthquake	12	
Ocean marine	81,344	26,911
Inland marine	1,194,754	929,996
Auto liability (BI)	597,765	375,732
Auto PDL	2,332,502	963,036
Auto phys. dam.	772	
Excess of loss	4,134	6,811
Total	5,107,683	2,591,477

American & Foreign—Assets, \$25,592,689, incr., \$349,445; loss res., \$5,879,831; unearned prem., \$7,859,281; capital, \$1,500,000; surplus, \$10,320,092, incr., \$19,768.

Fire	2,595,920	1,358,094
Extended coverage	755,034	376,237
Other allied lines	30,851	9,919
Homeowners mult. peril	105,193	60,667
Commercial mult. peril	3,676	3,318
Earthquake	8,130	125
Ocean marine	367,481	224,091
Inland marine	365,113	184,282
Accident	49,546	17,008
A&S	7,956	1,099
Hospital & medical	108,626	59,710
Group A&S	157,573	107,553
Workmen's comp.	1,126,992	629,394
Liability (not auto)	788,157	356,740
Auto liability (BI)	1,864,055	1,217,251
Auto PDL	887,816	461,978
Auto phys. dam.	822,904	426,391
Aircraft PHD	27,795	15,370
PDL (not auto)	174,162	53,054
Fidelity	94,542	19,128
Surety	93,933	39,178
Glass	73,186	34,370
Burglary, theft	201,611	80,648
Boiler, machinery	108,671	31,030
Total	10,819,936	5,766,646

American Central—Assets, \$16,842,216, incr., \$86,256; loss res., \$1,171,978; unearned prem., \$6,999,661; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$8,279,196, incr., \$29,166.

Fire	3,448,711	1,842,548
Extended coverage	1,134,798	591,472
Other allied	28,119	7,633
Homeowners mult. peril	92,429	53,832
Commercial mult. peril	641	16
Earthquake	6,429	
Inland marine	776,143	415,859
Auto PDL	17,241	8,102
Auto phys. dam.	1,080,063	566,440
Glass	755	274
Burglary, theft	764	357
Boiler, machinery	37,170	13,193
Total	6,623,263	3,499,827

American Surety—Assets, \$77,057,574, decr., \$215,541; loss res., \$20,717,946; unearned prem., \$24,679,748; capital, \$7,500,000; surplus, \$24,543,469, decr., \$647,537.

Fire

288,200

193,912

\$752,283; loss res., \$1,068,150; unearned prem.,

	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
Extended coverage	109,071	16,184
Other allied lines	929	4,262
Homeowners mult. peril	179,756	79,343
Earthquake	2,042	3
Ocean marine	170,529	122,107
Inland marine	777,972	449,171
Accident only (ind.)	18,088	1,000
A&S (individual)	241	23
Group A&S	55,704	20,706
Workmen's comp.	5,256,834	2,782,741
Liability (not auto)	4,547,703	1,590,068
Auto liability (BI)	8,583,992	5,058,207
Auto PDL	4,276,941	2,269,991
Auto phys. dam.	3,330,814	333,508
PDL (not auto)	1,040,674	644,345
Fidelity	3,717,831	1,231,916
Surety	5,097,002	2,402,268
Glass	467,613	205,933
Burglary, theft	1,231,916	419,320
Boiler, machinery	143	
Total	39,154,004	18,386,300

Argonaut Exchange—Assets, \$21,013,812, incr., \$2,159,050; loss res., \$11,818,564; unearned prem., \$1,045,113; surplus, \$3,286,131, incr., \$508,191.

Workmen's comp.	16,742,620	8,946,218
Total	16,742,620	8,946,218

Argonaut Underwriters—Assets, \$2,885,438, incr., \$1,462,732; loss res., \$1,495,013; unearned prem., \$434,142; capital, \$350,000; surplus, \$603,783, decr., \$155,040.

Group A&S	1,185,610	844,834
Workmen's comp.	1,642,201	1,416,239
Liability (not auto)	254,589	129,130
Auto liability (BI)	232,754	163,332
Auto PDL	128,879	116,389
Auto phys. dam.	151,599	92,063
PDL (not auto)	61,768	38,324
Total	3,657,403	2,800,314

Atlantic Mutual—Assets, \$65,890,644, incr., \$2,362,319; loss res., \$13,320,524; unearned prem., \$15,558,898; surplus, \$27,186,643, decr., \$478,044.

Fire	3,444,595	1,879,180
Extended coverage	1,170,349	620,925
Other allied lines	45,004	8,595
Homeowners mult. peril	752,322	442,188
Commercial mult. peril	431,192	340,291
Earthquake	35,244	-328
Ocean marine	6,323,510	3,784,410
Inland marine	3,274,045	1,512,070
Accident	24,598	11,745
Hospital & medical	12	1
Group A&S	370,204	202,532
Workmen's comp.	1,550,360	892,591
Liability (not auto)	996,010	498,135
Auto liability (BI)	2,105,217	1,133,270
Auto PDL	642,704	297,964
Auto phys. dam.	659,189	246,190
Aircraft PHD	46,801	35,573
PDL (not auto)	86,745	58,850
Glass	53,325	20,741
Burglary, theft	106,036	31,044
Boiler, machinery	119	12
Fire all risk	53,560	36,013
Catastrophe cover	11,384	-5,400
Misc. reinsurance	176,520	54,818
Total	22,359,045	12,101,410

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\$20,717,946; loss res., \$1,068,150; unearned prem.,

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76, incr., \$181,202.

	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
Fire	3,106,048	1,537,450	Boiler, machinery	\$ 1,149 438
Extended coverage	1,319,753	600,489	Total	33,961,421 19,482,085
Other allied lines	23,972	-28,581	British & Foreign Marine—Assets, \$16,315,-	
Homeowners mult. peril	287,227	142,342	811, incr., \$171,374; loss res., \$3,729,658; un- earned prem., \$4,985,994; statutory deposit	
Earthquake	11,406	221	\$500,000; surplus, \$6,672,045, incr., \$4,740.	
Ocean marine	51,717	37,813	Fire	1,647,411 861,866
Inland marine	431,924	199,801	Extended coverage	479,156 238,766
Accident	671	318	Other allied lines	19,578 6,295
Workmen's comp.	5,320	2,602	Commercial mult. peril	2,333 2,106
Liability (not auto)	20,553	12,326	Earthquake	5,794 79
Auto liability (BI)	132,472	71,181	Ocean marine	229,038 141,018
Auto PDL	69,174	47,894	Inland marine	231,158 116,957
Auto phys. dam.	3,168,773	1,762,450	Accident	31,443 10,792
Aircraft PHD	50,942	27,535	A&S	5,049 697
PDL (not auto)	8,202	2,017	Hospital & medical	68,936 37,893
Surety	11,755	5,236	Group A&S	99,998 68,254
Glass	2,618	933	Workmen's comp.	715,206 399,422
Burglary, theft	7,683	2,939	Liability (not auto)	500,176 226,393
Total	8,710,219	4,424,963	Auto liability (BI)	1,182,958 772,488
Benefit Assn. of Railway Employees—Assets, \$20,308,864, incr., \$1,608,453; loss res., \$1,088,003; unearned prem., \$5,088,005; surplus, \$4,533,564, incr., \$17,365.			Auto PDL	563,422 293,178
A&S (individual)	5,035,438	2,891,650	Auto phys. dam.	522,227 270,595
Hospital & medical	1,381,762	725,733	Aircraft PHD	17,639 9,753
Group A&S	15,302,245	12,874,285	PDL (not auto)	110,526 33,669
Total	21,719,446	16,491,674	Fidelity	59,998 12,138
Boston—Assets, \$87,430,544, decr., \$1,209,594; loss res., \$11,023,938; unearned prem., \$28,347, 120; capital, \$5,000,000; surplus, \$40,858,317, decr., \$3,000,528.			Surety	59,611 24,864
Fire	10,185,657	5,709,821	Glass	46,445 21,811
Extended coverage	3,358,028	1,640,375	Burglary, theft	127,945 51,181
Other allied	87,589	40,579	Boiler, machinery	68,964 19,693
Homeowners mult. peril	512,055	341,005	Total	6,861,779 3,658,418
Commercial mult. peril	190,252	295,502		
Earthquake	44,949	164		
Hail (growing crops)	147,994	147,141		
Ocean marine	3,589,081	1,832,741		
Inland marine	3,305,418	1,816,839		
Accident	15,953	4,771		
A&S	967	294		
Hospital & medical	162,283	104,987		
Group A&S	21,584	7,715		
Workmen's comp.	1,433,447	750,587		
Liability (not auto)	1,001,477	549,227		
Auto liability (BI)	3,639,615	2,748,114		
Auto PDL	1,751,479	1,019,161		
Auto phys. dam.	3,631,498	1,983,732		
Aircraft PHD	170,598	82,604		
PDL (not auto)	153,378	87,447		
Fidelity	70,706	61,572		
Surety	97,258	69,280		
Glass	105,569	58,348		
Burglary, theft	283,437	129,541		



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	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Calvert Fire—Assets, \$66,250,241, decr., \$4,-
Auto liability (BI)	1,404,537	844,760	614,796; loss res., \$3,244,139; unearned prem., \$29,967,665; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus \$30,134,-
Auto PDL	706,543	386,117	424, incr., \$2,987,588.
Auto phys. dam.	1,141,430	683,870	Premiums Losses
PDL (not auto)	69,218	22,153	Earned Incurred
Surety	90	—	Auto phys. dam. 27,648,487 18,894,181
Glass	13	—	Total 27,648,487 18,894,181
Burglary, theft	7	300	Cavalier—Assets, \$2,784,840, decr., \$191,275;
Total	7,589,930	3,857,111	loss res., \$117,217, unearned prem., \$1,312,163; capital, \$400,000; surplus, \$1,211,221, incr., \$134,-
California State Automobile, San Francisco	8,013,163	3,963,543	208.
—Assets, \$29,534,252; incr., \$985,548; loss res., \$7,583,164; unearned prem., \$8,532,777; surplus, \$10,690,006, incr., \$792,107.	3,194,754	1,343,492	Auto phys. dam. 1,159,746 715,309
Auto liability (BI)	8,013,163	3,963,543	Total 1,159,746 715,309
Auto PDL	3,194,754	1,343,492	Centennial—Assets, \$19,903,226, incr., \$3,214,-
Auto phys. dam.	5,439,194	2,555,753	530; loss res., \$4,440,174; unearned prem., \$5,-
Total	16,647,111	7,862,788	186,299; capital, \$1,500,000; surplus, \$6,463,846.
Auto phys. dam. 1,159,746 715,309	Total 1,159,746 715,309	Auto phys. dam. 1,159,746 715,309	

	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
Fire	1,153,728	640,479	Group A&S	50,491	\$	39,756
Extended coverage	390,116	207,339	Liability (not auto)	395,988	235,063	
Other allied lines	15,001	2,990	Auto liability (BI)	8,238,347	7,266,668	
Homeowners mult. peril	252,827	147,396	Auto PDL	3,886,938	2,048,900	
Commercial mult. peril ..	143,731	113,430	Auto phys. dam.	6,769,354	3,336,577	
Earthquake	11,748	—209	PDL (not auto)	75,426	50,458	
Ocean marine	2,108,468	1,261,469	Burglary, theft	74,719	28,885	
Inland marine	1,091,348	475,718	Total	20,750,645	13,660,546	
Accident	8,199	3,915				
Hospital & medical	4					
Group A&S	122,771	67,511				
Workmen's comp.	516,287	297,530				
Liability (not auto)	332,003	166,045				
Auto liability (BI)	701,739	377,757				
Auto PDL	214,235	99,321				
Auto phys. dam.	219,730	82,063				
Aircraft PHD	15,600	11,858				
PDL (not auto)	28,915	19,617				
Glass	17,775	6,914				
Burglary, theft	35,345	10,348				
Boiler, machinery	40	4				
Fire all risk	17,853	12,093				
Catastrophe cover	3,795	-1,864				
Misc. reinsurance	58,840	18,273				
Total	7,480,598	4,019,997				

Central Mutual, Van Wert, O.—Assets, \$45,-943,184, incr., \$2,378,993; loss res., \$3,644,010; unearned prem., \$24,069,839; surplus, \$14,388,-913, incr., \$504,194.

Fire	12,057,369	4,694,695
Extended coverage	4,455,955	1,807,064
Other allied lines	39,222	456
Homeowners mult. peril	784,613	347,168
Commercial mult. peril ..	3,033	3,062
Earthquake	99,459	401
Ocean marine	120,428	61,464
Inland marine	1,865,747	855,828
Liability (not auto)	59,118	14,914
Auto liability (BI)	327,756	124,043
Auto PDL	171,837	178,639
Auto phys. dam.	2,674,239	1,137,838
Aircraft PHD	5,827	-124
PDL (not auto)	3,187	1,184
Glass	156,365	71,817
Burglary, theft	203,694	118,428
Excess and catastrophe ..	262,574	287,255
Total	22,765,281	9,703,940

Charter Oak Fire—Assets, \$3,206,330, incr., \$37,718; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$3,181,862, incr., \$38,451.

Commercial Union, England	Assets, \$34,211,630, decr., \$178,105; loss res., \$3,504,712; unearned prem., \$14,063,600; statutory deposit, \$500,000; surplus, \$14,400,702, decr., \$703,288.
Fire	6,490,096
Extended coverage	2,215,499
Other allied lines	56,219
Homeowners mult. peril	180,755
Commercial mult. peril ..	1,252
Earthquake	12,358
Ocean marine	1,251,968
Inland marine	1,826,431
Auto PDL	33,641
Auto phys. dam.	2,101,856
Aircraft PHD	292,195
Glass	1,501
Burglary, theft	1,496
Boiler, machinery	72,527
Total	14,537,791
	7,623,973

Cosmopolitan Mutual—Assets, \$23,479,218, incr., \$2,593,851; loss res., \$8,388,701; unearned prem., \$5,738,567; surplus, \$6,078,031, incr., \$915,-714.

Fire	181,190	112,558
Extended coverage	34,084	2,604
Other allied lines	1,059	
Homeowners mult. peril ..	1,573	1,842
Inland marine	19,734	4,926
Group A&S	286,542	394,243
Workmen's comp. (N.Y.)	4,904,693	2,418,833
Liability (not auto)	2,476,224	980,519
Auto liability (BI)	1,866,585	896,194
Auto PDL	613,594	224,579
Auto phs. dam.	142,229	105,021
PDL (not auto)	116,654	31,545
Glass	227,779	136,084
Burglary, theft	42,427	19,786
Auto medical pay	109,231	
Workmen's comp. (other)	412,547	281,011
Total	11,436,151	5,609,753

Erie Exchange—Assets, \$8,815,109, incr., \$227,-050; loss res., \$2,694,865; unearned prem., \$3,-C34,542; surplus, \$2,647,763, incr., \$120,521.

Fire	183,179	53,485
Extended coverage	69,420	46,134
Homeowners mult. peril	35,584	6,420
Inland marine	28,030	8,033
Liability (not auto)	116,543	20,622
Auto liability (BI)	2,461,053	1,253,678
Auto PDL	1,908,470	1,189,875
Auto phs. dam.	2,369,764	1,208,815
PDL (not auto)	18,937	2,558
Glass	3,067	1,661
Burglary, theft	8,700	2,010
Medical payments	482,837	245,064
Total	7,685,584	4,036,355

Farmers' Mutual Automobile, Madison, Wis.	Assets, \$34,033,043, incr., \$143,176; loss res., \$9,887,603; unearned prem., \$6,719,604; surplus, \$12,290,368, decr., \$838,575.
Fire	688,733
Extended coverage	544,596
Other allied lines	1,677
Inland marine cargo	19,438
Accident	4,938
	5,507
	5,225

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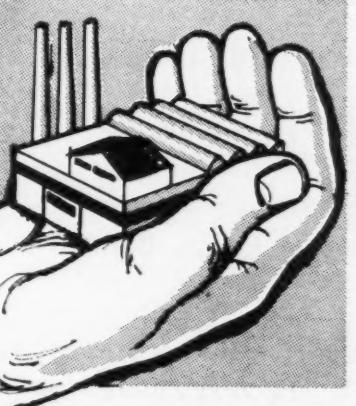
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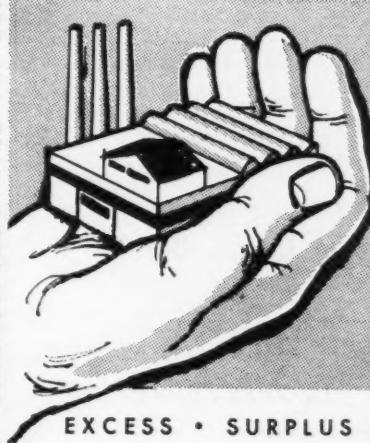
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Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	\$2,328,842; surplus, \$3,920,393, incr., \$220,413.	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Jersey—Assets, \$14,136,335, incr., \$498,510; loss res., \$682,367; unearned prem., \$6,203,859; capital, \$1,500,000; surplus, \$8,903,478, incr., \$126,889.	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. Aircraft PHD PDL (not auto) Surety Glass Burglary, theft Medical payments Total Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. PDL (not auto) Glass Auto medical Other medical Total General Exchange—Assets, \$196,252,368, decr., \$14,664,469; loss res., \$6,084,684; unearned prem., \$123,333,066; capital, \$4,000,000; surplus, \$86,594,697, incr., \$1,771,308. Auto phys. dam. Total General Security—Assets, \$18,432,884, incr., \$27,896; loss res., \$2,204,598; unearned prem., \$8,420,013; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$4,534,459, decr., \$548,457. Fire Extended coverage Other allied lines Homeowners mult. peril Commercial mult. peril Earthquake Hail (growing crops) Ocean marine Inland marine Accident Workmen's comp. Liability (not auto) Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. PDL (not auto) Fidelity Surety Glass Burglary, theft Total Glens Falls—Assets, \$151,584,431, incr., \$54,- 786,215; loss res., \$33,286,574; unearned prem., \$5,624,459; capital, \$6,500,000; surplus, \$51,- 22,200, incr., \$2,040,429. Fire Extended coverage Other allied lines Homeowners mult. peril Commercial mult. peril .. Earthquake Hail (growing crops) Ocean marine Inland marine Accident Health Group A&S Workmen's comp. Liability (not auto) Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. Aircraft PHD PDL (not auto) Fidelity Surety Glass Burglary, theft Boiler, machinery Total General Exchange—Assets, \$196,252,368, decr., \$14,664,469; loss res., \$6,084,684; unearned prem., \$123,333,066; capital, \$4,000,000; surplus, \$86,594,697, incr., \$1,771,308. Auto phys. dam. Total General Security—Assets, \$18,432,884, incr., \$27,896; loss res., \$2,204,598; unearned prem., \$8,420,013; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$4,534,459, decr., \$548,457. Fire Extended coverage Other allied lines Homeowners mult. peril Commercial mult. peril .. Earthquake Hail (growing crops) Ocean marine Inland marine Accident Workmen's comp. Liability (not auto) Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. PDL (not auto) Fidelity Surety Glass Burglary, theft Total Iowa Farm Mutual—Assets, \$17,510,188, decr., \$6,271; loss res., \$4,290,581; unearned prem., \$2,885,405; surplus, \$8,220,436, decr., \$224,549. Fire Extended coverage Other allied lines Hail (growing crops) Liability (not auto) Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. PDL (not auto) Auto medical Farm medical Phys. dam. not auto Total Iowa National Mutual—Assets, \$22,261,357, incr., \$1,036,535; loss res., \$7,477,652; unearned prem., \$7,839,186; surplus, \$5,097,444, decr., \$240,623. Fire Extended coverage Other allied lines Homeowners mult. peril Hail (growing crops) Inland marine Accident Health Group A&S Workmen's comp. Liability (not auto) Auto liability (BI) Auto PDL Auto phys. dam. Aircraft PHD PDL (not auto) Fidelity Surety Glass Burglary, theft Medical payments Total Keystone Auto Club Casualty—Assets, \$24,- 487,929, incr., \$1,512,446; loss res., \$5,236,723; unearned prem., \$7,267,763; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$10,344,895, incr., \$1,036,446. Auto liability (BI) Total Supporting your Ability to Provide... Here you'll find the experience and know-how to handle every phase of your Excess, Surplus and Reinsurance needs. Here, too, you'll receive the kind of service for which MacGibeny-Grupe has long been known.  EXCESS • SURPLUS LINES • REINSURANCE Correspondents of Underwriters at Lloyd's, London MacGibeny-Grupe, Inc. INCORPORATED Insurance 175 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS WAbash 2-9580 Teletype CG 2629									

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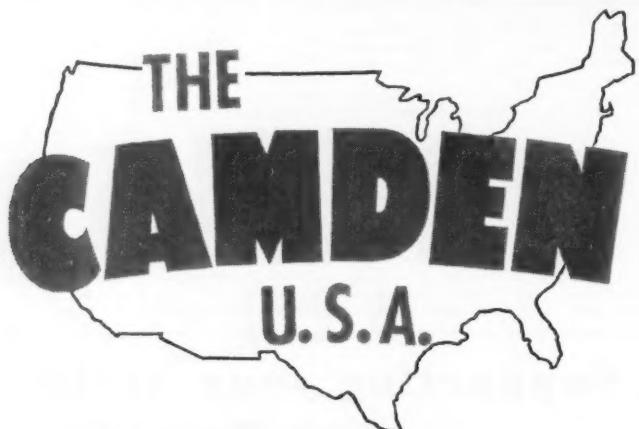
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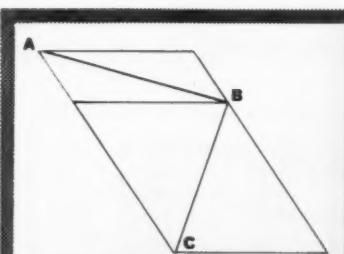
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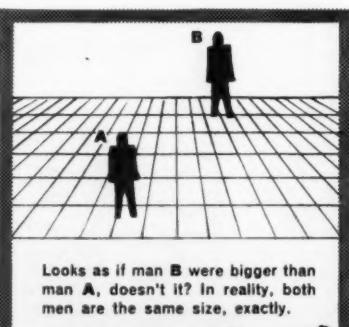
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	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	\$1,895,146; unearned prem., \$2,423,674; capital, \$800,000; surplus, \$1,384,873; incr., \$172,892.
Homeowners mult. peril	\$7,456	4,357	
Accident	154,943	40,890	
Liability (not auto)	17,065	2,450	
Auto liability (BI)	4,965,511	2,271,280	Fire 404,381 307,71
Auto PDL	2,758,775	1,328,383	Extended coverage 280,783 137,56
Auto phys. dam.	3,762,389	1,609,194	Other allied lines 3,942 62
PDL (not auto)	4,266	183	Inland marine 1,724 1,25
Burglary, theft	7,211	688	Livestock mortality 2,208 1,38
Total	11,822,794	5,286,698	Burglary (not auto) 251,425 42,21
Liberty Mutual			Auto liability (BI) 1,499,923 650,48
Fire—Assets, \$50,745,226;			Auto PDL 1,190,099 530,00
incr., \$1,398,884; loss res., \$8,887,048; unearned			Auto phys. dam. 2,710,593 1,600,40
prem., \$23,608,004; surplus, \$15,740,427, incr.,			PDL (not auto) 71,483 41,17
\$344,061.			Auto medical pay. 587,269 280,746
Fire 9,891,444 4,048,493			Med. pay. (not auto) 172,207 118,38
Extended coverage 3,492,412 757,963			Total 7,506,126 3,934,16
Other allied lines 79,850 13,317			
Homeowners mult. peril 2,358,256 729,316		Newark —Assets, \$33,052,824, incr., \$536,505;	
Commercial mult. peril 61,920 58,094		loss res., \$7,575,933; unearned prem., \$10,126,	
Earthquake 68,952 1,604		381; capital, \$2,000,000; surplus, \$13,036,521,	
Ocean marine 223,428 225,845		incr., \$21,704.	
Inland marine 3,071,624 1,161,878		Fire 3,344,744 1,749,89	
Liability (not auto) 29,994 3,494		Extended coverage 972,833 484,768	
Auto liability (BI) 3,545,661 2,500,940		Other allied lines 39,731 12,781	
Auto PDL 1,672,714 923,654		Homeowners mult. peril 135,537 78,165	
Auto phys. dam. 1,285,156 599,294		Commercial mult. peril 4,737 4,276	
Aircraft PHD 84,304 21,131		Earthquake 11,764 162	
PDL (not auto) 6,291 2,501		Ocean marine 473,485 292,830	
Glass 6,340 4,640		Inland marine 470,434 237,464	
Burglary, theft 10,424 14,059		Accident 63,838 21,914	
Excess of loss re 328,922 53,627		A&S 10,251 1,418	
Total 25,559,852 11,119,860		Hospital & medical 139,961 76,934	
Liverpool & London & Globe —Assets, \$56,128,585, incr. \$1,226,112; loss res., \$12,884,274; unearned prem., \$17,229,030; statutory deposit, \$500,000; surplus, \$22,322,880, incr. \$540,093.		Group A&S 203,027 138,579	
Fire 5,691,057 2,977,359		Workmen's comp. 1,452,086 810,948	
Extended coverage 1,655,268 824,828		Liability (not auto) 1,015,510 459,645	
Other allied lines 230,616 133,000		Auto liability (BI) 2,401,763 1,568,383	
Homeowners mult. peril 230,616 133,000		Auto PDL 1,143,917 595,159	
Commercial mult. peril .. 8,061 7,275		Auto phys. dam. 1,060,280 549,380	
Earthquake 20,017 276		Aircraft PHD 35,813 19,803	
Ocean marine 791,223 487,159		PDL (not auto) 224,401 68,358	
Inland marine 798,548 404,034		Fidelity 121,814 24,846	
Accident 108,621 37,286		Surety 121,030 50,488	
A&S 17,443 2,410		Glass 94,297 44,283	
Hospital & medical 238,143 130,903		Burglary, theft 259,768 103,913	
Group A&S 345,450 235,789		Boiler, machinery 140,018 39,962	
Workmen's comp. 2,470,714 1,379,824		Total 13,941,072 7,434,222	
Liability (not auto) 1,727,883 782,083			
Auto liability (BI) 4,086,582 2,668,593			
Auto PDL 1,946,367 1,012,797			
Auto phys. dam. 1,804,059 934,780			
Aircraft PHD..... 60,936 33,694			
PDL (not auto) 381,818 116,312			
Fidelity 207,267 41,934			
Surety 205,931 85,890			
Glass 160,447 75,348			
Burglary, theft 441,994 176,809			
Boiler, machinery 238,240 68,029			
Total 23,704,330 12,638,170			
Manufacturers Casualty —Assets, \$30,631,816, decr., \$1,549,401; loss res., \$11,844,913; unearned prem., \$9,367,225; capital, \$1,500,000; surplus, \$6,848,501, decr., \$4,361,225.			
Fire 101,744 61,748		New York Underwriters —Assets, \$20,984,470, decr., \$421,483; loss res., \$1,105,564, unearned prem., \$5,878,594; capital, \$2,000,000; surplus, \$12,383,434, incr., \$179,514.	
Extended coverage 66,990 16,058		Fire 2,951,016 1,450,335	
Other allied lines 218 12		Extended coverage 935,716 531,432	
Homeowners mult. peril 33,308 10,020		Other allied lines 49,442 21,577	
Commercial mult. peril .. 13 1		Homeowners mult. peril 72,017 39,219	
Earthquake 10 1		Commercial mult. peril 1,760 94	
Inland marine 11,833 3,145		Earthquake 7,196 -64	
Accident 86,625 39,274		Hail (growing crops) 116,537 94,999	
A&S 9,693 31		Ocean marine 170,980 71,197	
Hospital & medical 30,579 18,988		Inland marine 648,211 324,152	
Group A&S 16,916 19,257		Auto phys. dam. 1,382,542 753,930	
Workmen's comp. 2,197,633 1,881,840		Aircraft PHD 12,116 6,731	
Liability (not auto) 1,847,671 821,521			
Auto liability (BI) 5,568,709 4,742,248			
Auto PDL 3,092,296 2,075,558			
Auto phys. dam. 2,621,503 1,485,320			
PDL (not auto) 539,721 204,464			
Fidelity 166,735 52,070			
Surety 978,620 690,324			
Glass 190,843 87,043			
Burglary, theft 490,748 171,761			
Boiler, machinery 2			
Total 18,052,410 12,380,974			
Motors —Assets, \$56,017,836, incr., \$2,182,704; loss res., \$1,877,912; unearned prem., \$34,378,474; capital, \$1,500,000; surplus, \$14,909,685, incr., \$1,910,848.			
Auto phys. dam. 36,654,551 20,386,755			
Total 36,654,551 20,386,755			
National Farmers Union Property & Casualty —Assets, \$6,382,729, incr., \$290,330; loss res.,			

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	
Burglary, theft	931,820	320,383	Extended Coverage	1,503,052	683,890	Aircraft PHD	90,870	50,247	
Auto medical	2,169,209	1,099,834	Other allied lines	27,302	32,546	PDL (not auto)	569,377	173,448	
Total	47,344,999	21,922,068	Homeowners mult. peril	327,120	162,112	Fidelity	309,082	62,534	
Ohio Medical Indemnity —Assets, \$14,801,030, incr., \$2,454,501; loss res., \$1,887,824; unearned prem., \$1,588,426; capital, \$108,000; surplus, \$9,254,349, incr. \$1,629,287.			Earthquake	12,990	252	Surety	307,091	128,083	
Surgical & medical	18,660,709	15,086,539	Ocean marine	58,900	43,065	Glass	239,263	112,360	
Total	18,660,709	15,086,539	Inland marine	491,914	227,551	Burglary, theft	659,114	263,662	
Old Colony —Assets, \$34,801,426, incr., \$699,- 69; loss res., \$4,724,545; unearned prem., \$12,- 148,766; capital, \$2,000,000; surplus, \$16,927,326, decr., \$380,810.			Accident	765	352	Boiler, machinery	355,270	101,448	
Fire	4,365,282	2,447,066	Workmen's comp.	6,059	2,964	Total	35,372,870	18,856,591	
Extended coverage	1,439,155	703,018	Liability (not auto)	23,408	14,027				
Other allied lines	37,538	17,434	Auto liability (BI)	150,871	81,065	Republic of Dallas —Assets, \$38,897,596, incr., \$1,907,313; loss res., \$557,598; unearned prem., \$20,411,224; capital, \$5,400,000; surplus, \$16,322,635, incr. \$457,047.			
Homeowners mult. peril	219,452	146,145	Auto PDL	78,782	54,546	Fire	9,035,801	4,727,209	
Commercial mult. peril	81,536	126,644	Auto phys. dam.	3,608,880	2,007,236	Extended coverage	2,628,101	1,309,599	
Earthquake	19,264	71	PDL (not auto)	9,341	2,296	Homeowners mult. peril	366,154	211,166	
Hail (growing crops)	63,426	63,061	Surety	13,388	5,964	Earthquake	31,781	11,553	
Ocean marine	1,538,178	785,461	Glass	2,982	1,063	Ocean marine	1,279,116	438	
Inland marine	1,416,608	778,645	Burglary, theft	8,750	3,348	Inland marine	1,270,874	641,482	
Accident	6,837	2,045	Total	9,919,972	5,039,543	Accident	172,460	59,201	
A&S	414	126	Peerless—Assets, \$32,494,358, incr., \$2,328,- 917; loss res., \$9,955,769; unearned prem., \$10,- 843,600; capital, \$2,750,000; surplus, \$7,550,551, decr., \$3,423,114.			A&S	27,695	3,027	
Hospital & medical	60,550	45,994	Extended coverage	117,147	61,825	Hospital & medical	378,104	207,836	
Group A&S	9,250	3,306	Other allied lines	2,399	18,455	Peerless—Assets, \$38,897,596, incr., \$1,907,313; loss res., \$557,598; unearned prem., \$20,411,224; capital, \$5,400,000; surplus, \$16,322,635, incr. \$457,047.			
Workmen's comp.	614,335	321,680	Earthquake	62,175	31,752	Fire	7,078,987	2,168,599	
Liability (not auto)	429,204	235,383	Hall (growing crops)	4,819	1,809	Extended coverage	5,455,878	1,765,341	
Ocean marine	11,482	10,482	Workmen's comp.	2,449	11,078	Homeowners mult. peril	138,385	29,407	
Inland marine	1,416,608	778,645	Liability (not auto)	18,483	5,285	Earthquake	1,671	53,498	
Accident	6,837	2,045	Ocean marine	10,475	80,544	Liability (not auto)	753	809	
A&S	414	126	Inland marine	10,475	80,544	Workmen's comp.	3,922,801	2,190,774	
Auto PDL	750,634	436,783	Other allied lines	102,591	26,731	Hospital & medical	3,743,393	1,241,728	
Auto phys. dam.	1,556,355	850,171	Accident	102,209	50,041	Peerless—Assets, \$38,897,596, incr., \$1,907,313; loss res., \$557,598; unearned prem., \$20,411,224; capital, \$5,400,000; surplus, \$16,322,635, incr. \$457,047.			
Aircraft PHD	73,113	35,402	A&S	120,285	12,102	Auto liability (BI)	6,488,346	4,236,981	
PDL (not auto)	65,734	37,477	Group A&S	317,563	173,573	Aircraft PHD	43	2,864,340	
Fidelity	30,303	26,388	Workmen's comp.	741,140	637,862	Auto phys. dam.	9,747,723	3,421,350	
Surety	41,682	29,691	Liability (not auto)	775,183	368,545	Glass	5,429	355	
Glass	45,244	25,006	Auto liability (BI)	1,916,788	523,278	Burglary, theft	326,961	136,367	
Burglary, theft	121,474	55,518	Auto PDL	1,710,078	1,087,852	Total	12,921,413	4,042,768	
Boiler, machinery	493	188	PDL (not auto)	151,321	-4,396	Fidelity	326,961	136,367	
Total	14,554,895	8,349,467	Surety	339,153	112,068	Surety	326,961	136,367	
Old Republic, Greensburg, Pa. —Assets, \$10,- 36,802, decr., \$250,636; loss res., \$4,257,819; unearned prem., \$2,070,843; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$3,388,006, decr., \$285,853.			Glass	29,584	16,398	Glass	254,744	119,630	
Fire	15,678	13,086	Total	13,126,576	7,789,549	Burglary, theft	701,762	280,722	
Extended coverage	9,051	2,311	Peerless—Assets, \$32,494,358, incr., \$2,328,- 917; loss res., \$9,955,769; unearned prem., \$10,- 843,600; capital, \$2,750,000; surplus, \$7,550,551, decr., \$3,423,114.			Boiler, machinery	378,259	108,012	
Homeowners mult. peril	1,430	310	Extended coverage	2,468,382	1,230,010	Total	37,661,702	20,083,469	
Inland marine	60,489	6,434	Other allied lines	100,860	52,430	Royal —Assets, \$84,610,001, incr., \$1,571,359; loss res., \$14,805,614; unearned prem., \$19,- 796,226; statutory deposit, \$500,000; surplus,			
Mobile homes	3,753	1,098	Homeowners mult. peril	343,902	198,334	Fire	6,539,723	3,421,350	
A&S	42,139	100	Commercial mult. peril	12,020	10,851	Extended coverage	1,750	947,832	
Workmen's comp.	3,959,001	2,530,037	Earthquake	29,850	413	Homeowners mult. peril	138,385	29,407	
Liability (not auto)	249,043	79,759	Ocean marine	1,201,380	736,813	Earthquake	1,671	53,498	
Auto liability (BI)	284,525	202,772	Inland marine	1,193,638	602,351	Liability (not auto)	753	809	
Auto PDL	207,161	143,682	Accident	161,979	55,602	Workmen's comp.	3,922,801	2,190,774	
Auto phys. dam.	430,827	274,746	A&S	26,012	3,595	Hospital & medical	3,743,393	1,241,728	
PDL (not auto)	145,338	38,407	Group A&S	355,125	195,206	Peerless—Assets, \$38,897,596, incr., \$1,907,313; loss res., \$557,598; unearned prem., \$20,411,224; capital, \$5,400,000; surplus, \$16,322,635, incr. \$457,047.			
Glass	2,910	45	Workmen's comp.	3,684,399	2,057,632	Auto liability (BI)	6,488,346	4,236,981	
Burglary, theft	4,642	2,405	Auto PDL	2,576,668	1,166,265	Auto PDL	43	2,864,340	
Credit	13,109	6,514	Auto phys. dam.	2,902,477	1,510,312	Boiler, machinery	9,747,723	3,421,350	
Total	5,429,096	3,301,706	Auto phys. dam.	2,690,264	1,393,971	Total	37,661,702	20,083,469	

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● As of December 31, 1956, as reported to the Indiana Insurance Department, Assets totaled \$26,516,200; Liabilities, \$16,604,157; and Surplus to Policyholders, \$9,912,043.

ASSETS increased by \$1,158,245 or 4.6% over 1955.

SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS increased by \$375,025 or 3.9% over 1955.

NET PREMIUMS WRITTEN were \$16,944,645 for the year, an increase of \$1,115,980 or 7% over 1955.

LOSSES INCURRED during 1956 were \$7,602,950. Ratio of incurred losses to earned premiums was 46.5%, as against 42.1% for 1955.

SAVINGS of \$2,885,000 were returned to our policyholders as dividends during 1956, which compared with dividend savings of \$2,800,000 returned during 1955.

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Assets	\$9,992,026.75
Surplus as regards Treaty Companies	2,232,659.23

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	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Commercial mult. peril ..	9,263	8,361	Premiums Earned
Earthquake	23,002	319	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Ocean marine	907,320	560,578	Premiums Earned
Inland marine	919,522	463,511	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Accident	124,819	42,847	Premiums Earned
A&S	20,044	2,769	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Hospital & medical	273,655	150,423	Premiums Earned
Group A&S	396,964	270,951	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Workmen's comp.	2,839,154	1,585,587	Premiums Earned
Liability (not auto)	1,985,550	886,709	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Auto liability (BI)	4,695,985	3,066,543	Premiums Earned
Auto PDL	2,236,615	1,163,829	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Auto phys. dam.	2,073,086	1,074,177	Premiums Earned
Aircraft PHD	70,023	38,720	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
PDL (not auto)	438,755	133,656	Premiums Earned
Fidelity	238,175	48,187	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Surety	236,640	98,694	Premiums Earned
Glass	184,373	86,584	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Burglary, theft	507,905	203,175	Premiums Earned
Boiler, machinery	273,767	78,174	Travelers Indemnity—Assets, \$242,481,741, incr., \$20,303,907; loss res., \$51,008,579; unearned prem., \$101,329,247; capital, \$6,000,000; surplus, \$72,335,758, incr., \$2,611,640.
Total	27,239,180	14,522,813	Total

Star—Assets, \$27,928,919, incr., \$432,766; loss res., \$6,445,196; unearned prem., \$8,614,981; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$11,181,504, incr., \$45,057.

Fire	2,845,528	1,488,677
Extended coverage	827,634	412,415
Other allied lines	33,818	10,873
Homeowners mult. peril ..	115,308	66,499
Commercial mult. peril ..	4,030	3,639
Earthquake	10,008	138
Ocean marine	402,845	249,214
Inland marine	400,190	201,924
Accident	54,310	18,643
A&S	8,721	1,204
Hospital & medical	119,071	65,451
Group A&S	172,725	117,894
Workmen's comp.	1,235,357	689,910
Liability (not auto)	863,941	391,041
Auto liability (BI)	2,043,291	1,334,299
Auto PDL	973,183	506,399
Auto phys. dam.	902,029	467,390
Aircraft PHD	30,468	16,846
PDL (not auto)	190,909	58,157
Fidelity	103,633	20,967
Surety	102,965	42,945
Glass	80,223	37,674
Burglary, theft	220,997	88,404
Boiler, machinery	119,120	34,013
Total	11,860,315	6,324,626

Thames & Mersey—Assets, \$10,047,056, incr., \$206,124; loss res., \$2,261,473; unearned prem., \$3,022,800; statutory deposit, \$500,000; surplus, \$4,209,497, incr., \$101,265.

Fire	998,431	522,344
Extended coverage	290,398	144,707
Other allied lines	11,866	3,814
Homeowners mult. peril ..	40,459	23,333
Commercial mult. peril ..	1,414	1,276
Earthquake	3,511	49
Ocean marine	141,338	87,413
Inland marine	140,428	70,881
Accident	19,056	6,541
A&S	3,060	423
Hosp. & med.	41,779	22,965
Group A&S	60,605	41,366
Workmen's comp.	433,458	242,073
Liability (not auto)	303,137	137,207
Auto liability (BI)	716,944	468,173
Auto PDL	341,467	177,684
Auto phys. dam.	316,501	163,996
Aircraft PHD	10,690	5,911
PDL (not auto)	66,985	20,406
Fidelity	36,362	7,356
Surety	36,128	15,068
Glass	28,148	13,218
Burglary, theft	77,542	31,018
Boiler, machinery	41,796	11,935
Total	4,161,514	2,219,169

Transport Indemnity of Los Angeles—Assets, \$12,221,902, incr., \$1,326,508; loss res., \$5,219,883; unearned prem., \$891,768; capital, \$1,135,680; surplus, \$2,423,230, incr., \$263,763.

Fire	742	.....
Extended coverage	58	.....
Earthquake	56	.....
Inland marine	4,223	808
Workmen's comp.	2,217,493	1,384,811
Liability (not auto)	66,312	34,454
Auto liability (BI)	3,083,045	1,528,374
Auto PDL	1,685,145	570,322
Auto phys. dam.	650,280	354,603
PDL (not auto)	66,793	44,566
Cargo	563,442	269,695
Total	8,337,589	4,167,633

Travelers Fire—Assets, \$114,888,629, decr., \$191,890; loss res., \$9,034,627; unearned prem., \$69,769,676; capital, \$4,000,000; surplus, \$981,679, incr., \$900,233.	Fire	24,806,522	12,540,781
Extended coverage	8,773,731	4,850,115	.....
Other allied lines	160,951	76,624	.....
Homeowners mult. peril, 1917,116	877,016	.....	.....
Commercial mult. peril ..	17,004	51,728	.....
Earthquake	12,506	94	.....
Hail (growing crops)	152,773	114,985	.....
Ocean marine	770,974	540,927	.....
Inland marine	8,092,676	3,924,373	.....
Auto phys. dam.	13,040,475	8,044,589	.....
Aircraft PHD	195,826	109,549	.....
PDL (not auto)	7,990	5,183
Glass	10,361	4,420
Burglary, theft	7,893	2,585
Total	57,968,804	31,142,974

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	Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred		Premiums Earned	Losses Incurred
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Auto PDL	895,467	400,377	PDL (not auto)	3,631	873
Auto phys. dam.	1,195,522	551,869	Surety	420	
PDL (not auto)	118,760	30,384	Burglary, theft	5,481	2,322
Fidelity	13,850	—59	Med. pay.	96,349	44,390
Surety	84,110	92,998	Misc. lines	2,510	3,500
Glass	3,486	662	Total	1,808,018	945,418
Burglary, theft	15,309	13,429			
Total	5,845,159	3,106,182			

Truck Exchange, Los Angeles—Assets	\$39,-
956,948, incr.	\$3,917,523; loss res., \$12,908,069;
unearned prem., \$6,701,025; surplus, \$13,281,-	862, incr., \$1,078,468.
Inland marine	1,359,457
Workmen's comp.	5,220,898
Liability (not auto)	1,498,813
Auto liability (BI)	9,802,357
Auto PDL	4,988,999
Auto phys. dam.	5,719,763
PDL (not auto)	582,617
Total	29,172,904

U.S. Casualty—Assets	\$47,037,285, incr., \$1,-
814,197; loss res., \$20,795,639; unearned prem., \$12,172,836; capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$10,-	697,479, decr., \$626,762.
Fire	252,375
Extended coverage	182,708
Other allied lines	1,450
Homeowners mult. peril	22,865
Commercial mult. peril	3,535
Earthquake	2,351
Ocean marine	256,447
Inland marine	269,939
Accident	88,212
Health	17,819
Group A&S	147,203
Workmen's comp.	5,938,447
Liability (not auto)	3,736,182
Auto liability (BI)	6,952,006
Auto PDL	3,215,881
Auto phys. dam.	1,332,325
PDL (not auto)	695,222
Fidelity	227,142
Surety	809,758
Glass	305,609
Burglary, theft	581,236
Boiler, machinery	32
Total	25,069,217

U.S. F. & G.—Assets	\$405,793,300, incr., \$23,450,590; loss res., \$116,157,581; unearned prem., \$145,586,654; capital, \$20,486,120; surplus, \$122,267,204, incr., \$1,089,301.
Fire	17,503,432
Extended coverage	5,729,068
Other allied lines	159,633
Homeowners mult. peril	1,488,790
Commercial mult. peril	8,099
Earthquake	44,752
Growing Crops	94,245
Ocean marine	21,806
Inland marine	3,386,453
Accident	1,006,648
Health	131,889
Group A&S	841,986
Non-can A&S	206
Workmen's comp.	38,202,419
Liability not auto	23,172,188
Auto liability (BI)	42,687,256
Auto PDL	22,573,502
Auto phys. dam.	7,833,490
PDL (not auto)	6,734,111
Fidelity	5,672,492
Surety	13,854,478
Glass	1,781,443
Burglary, theft	5,351,805
Boiler, machinery	217
Water damage	8,109
Auto collision	16,432,194
Total	214,852,672

Utica Mutual—Assets	\$62,024,326, incr., \$4-
343,724; loss res., \$24,847,801; unearned prem., \$15,019,153; surplus, \$13,623,173, incr., \$1,388,-	873.
Fire	239,966
Extended coverage	92,224
Other allied lines	948
Homeowners mult. peril	39,143
Earthquake	64
Hail (growing crops)	4,378
Inland marine	4,706
Accident	18,392
Group A&S	364,080
Workmen's comp.	8,782,047
Liability (not auto)	1,803,570
Auto liability (BI)	11,550,541
Auto PDL	4,689,885
Auto phys. dam.	1,873,053
PDL (not auto)	429,659
Fidelity	31,339
Surety	30,909
Glass	97,761
Burglary, theft	115,935
Catastrophe re	82,731
Surplus lines re	—10,720
Excess of loss re	1,079
Total	30,241,700

Vanguard—Assets	\$3,951,295, incr., \$236,801;
loss res., \$462,587; unearned prem., \$1,148,706;	capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$121,196,692, incr., \$21,080.
Homeowners mult. peril	23,633
Liability (not auto)	73,122
Auto liability (BI)	464,614
Auto PDL	348,582
Auto phys. dam.	789,669

New Johnson Claims Office
M. M. Johnson Claims Service of Fort Wayne, Ind., have opened a new branch office in Anderson at 205 Anderson Loan building. Paul E. Medaris is adjuster in charge.

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Celina Mutual to Give Employees 12% of Surplus Increases

National Mutual and Celina Mutual of Celina, O., have set up a deferred compensation plan for employees under which the companies will pay regular employees, their beneficiaries and families 12% of consolidated average annual increase in surplus calculated on a five-year basis. The money will be turned over to a designated corporate trustee and distributed to employees or their beneficiaries on death, retirement, total and permanent disability or severance of employment.

The plan is in addition to the established pension plan. The new earnings participation program calls for the companies to put in 12% of average annual increase and surplus (without credit or debit for unrealized gains or losses) for the past five years. The 1956 contribution or \$24,609 will be paid into a trust fund administered by First National Bank of Lima, O., and earnings from it will be credited to individual employees pro rata. Each employee will have a separate account in

the plan and share in company contributions to the extent that his annual wages (weighted by length of service) bear to total wages of all employees.

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A five-member advisory committee of participating employees administers the plan in cooperation with the trustees. The trust has qualified under the internal revenue code and is exempt from income tax.

Offers HO, Multiple Line Courses

Courses in homeowners comprehensive policies, casualty manuals-rating, and commercial multiple lines, will be offered beginning in March by New York Insurance Society. The homeowners policies course also will be available at the society's Long Island division in Mineola.

Charge that Government Employees Misleads with Implied U. S. Connection

Greater New York Insurance Brokers' Assn. has filed a complaint with the New York department charging that the advertising of the Government Employees is misleading and deceptive because it is full of suggestions that the company is an official government organization.

Government Employees, which has its home office in Washington, D.C., is a non-agency company reaching its prospects by direct mail and newspaper and periodical advertising, according to Mortimer L. Nathanson, president of the brokers' association.

The brokers' complaint specifically refers to the insurer's current campaign aimed at New York City employees. In specially designed mailing pieces, the company combines its own sales message with a "leave record card" wherein employees of the city can record their official leave time. In addition there is a schedule of salary increment based upon the city's career and salary plan. This gives the appearance and suggestion that it is an official publication.

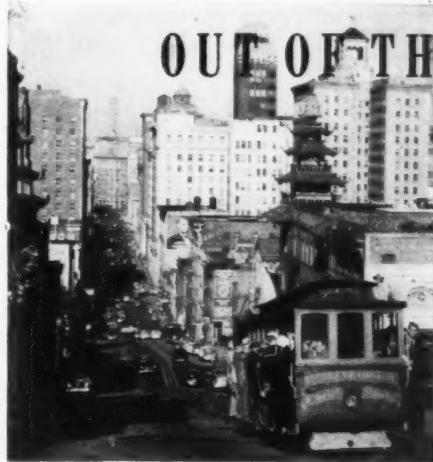
The complaint also asserts that the suggestion that the company has official government connection is aided by its name prominently displayed in conjunction with a "reasonable facsimile" of the official seal of the U.S. In small italic type on literature and in advertising the company states it is "not affiliated with the United States government."

The company advertises that it serves those "who serve the nation" but apparently does not accept members of the armed services below the top three ranks of non-commissioned officers, Mr. Nathanson indicated.

Aero Associates Insurer in Colorado Air Crash

Aero Associates was the hull and liability insurer of the five-passenger Cessna airplane which crashed into a Colorado mountainside Feb. 8, killing its four occupants.

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Risjord Relates Some Potentials of New Family Auto Policy

In response to a question raised following his address at a meeting of Casualty Underwriters Assn. of Chicago last week, Norman E. Risjord vice-president of Employers Re, said medical payments in the family auto policy could conceivably result in duplicate payments, if two or more individuals living in the same household each have coverage.

The question was: "Father, daughter, and son A (presumably all living in the same household) each have a family auto policy on their cars. Son B, who does not have a car, borrows one from still another party, and, while using it with the owner's permission, is involved in an accident, incurs liability and is himself injured. Is son B covered for liability and medical payments, and, if so, under which policies and in what amounts?"

Mr. Risjord replied that son B would have liability coverage under all four policies (father, daughter, son A and the policy covering the owner of the auto he was using), that the owner's policy would be the primary coverage, and that the other three would share any excess on a pro rata basis.

Assuming that son B incurred medical bills of \$2,000 and that the four policies each provided medical payments coverage of \$1,000, Mr. Risjord said that, again, the owner's policy would be the primary coverage, and that the other three would be excess. But there is no provision in the medical payments section of the family auto insuring agreements which states that excess medical shall be paid on a pro rata basis. Therefore, he concluded, son B could conceivably collect \$1,000 under the owner's policy and \$1,000 under each of the three other policies for a combined total of \$4,000 on a \$2,000 loss.

Mr. Risjord also reviewed the development of the family auto policy and gave a summary of the differences in coverage between it and the standard 1955 form. He pointed out that coverage for persons insured with respect to the owned automobile has been broadened to include not only the named insured and his spouse, but any resident of the same household, as well as any other person using the automobile with the named insured's permission. He did note that under this definition, residents of the insured's household have coverage regardless of permission, even when specifically

American Home Names Ferrier V-P at Philadelphia

Benjamin F. Ferrier, with Manufacturers Casualty at Philadelphia since 1943 as vice-president, general manager, and a director, has been named resident vice-president there of American Home and State of Pennsylvania. He will head the Philadelphia offices of both companies.

Mr. Ferrier began his career in 1922 as a special agent of Travelers, was an underwriter and then assistant manager of Globe Indemnity, and held executive positions with Indemnity of North America, Home Indemnity and New Amsterdam Casualty before joining Manufacturers Casualty 14 years ago.

Royal-Globe Names McInerney in Illinois

Royal-Globe group has appointed Thomas J. McInerney, superintendent of casualty in Chicago, special casualty representative in Illinois. He will assist in the development and sale of coverages for the larger commercial risks in that area. He has been in the casualty department of the group 12 years.

Hit Conn. Savings Bank Life Bill

A bill introduced in the Connecticut house would raise the limit of savings bank life insurance from \$3,000 to \$5,000. It is opposed by Connecticut Assn. of Insurance Agents because many of its members sell life insurance and by Connecticut Assn. of Life Underwriters.

prohibited by the named insured from use of the automobile.

Finally, the question was asked whether a policeman insured under a family auto policy would be covered if he incurred liability while driving a police car. Mr. Risjord said that in his opinion addition of a siren, a spotlight, and a revolving blinker did not remove the standard private passenger type automobile from that category, and that therefore, under the terms of the policy, the policeman would be afforded coverage.

Mr. Risjord was a panel member Jan. 16 at a joint meeting of Casualty Adjusters and Casualty Underwriters associations of Chicago at which the auto policy was featured, so his repeat performance last week before the underwriters association indicates there are many points about this coverage the company men would like to have cleared up.



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Challenge of West's Growth Stressed in Talks at FUAP Rally

John J. Haster, Pacific coast fire manager for Swett & Crawford, is the new president of Fire Underwriters Assn. of the Pacific, elected at the closing session of the organization's annual meeting last week at San Francisco. Phillip F. Kingsley, Fireman's Fund, is the new vice-president. Other officers elected are: Russell Countryman, retired, secretary, and Paul Normand, also retired, treasurer. Re-elected as directors are Rutherford Pates, Marsh & McLennan, and A. W. Gilbert, Pacific Fire Rating Bureau.

With tremendous increasing de-

mands for new and better goods and services, and with the great expected increase in population up to 200 million in this country by 1967, fire and casualty insurers must be prepared to handle a comparative increase in coverages, at the estimated rate of \$100 million of new premiums each of the coming 10 years, according to Irving Pfeffer, assistant professor in the school of business administration of UCLA. Addressing the annual meeting of Fire Underwriters Assn. of the Pacific, he warned that the adventures of some companies into new experiments selling on price and product basis, will threaten the stability of others. He anticipates the national economy will reach \$600 billion in the period he covered in prognosticating trends.

David A. Barry, Pearl, the outgoing FUAP president, reviewing the year, said insurance has not the grounds for

optimism prevailing in other lines of business in view of rising costs, heavy underwriting losses and competition. He said this has proved the need for higher rates for certain classes and the companies must be realistic. He also mentioned need for better employee personnel relations and said the FUAP's efforts to encourage employees to participate in the association's workshop institute is producing results. This includes the job training of students of local junior colleges. Mr. Pfeffer had also touched on this question, remarking that the insurance business can anticipate a shortage of personnel and 100,000 more employees will be needed in the next 10 years.

At no time in the history of insurance has there been such need for personal effort in selling, Neil L. Davis, special agent for North British group at Salt Lake City, declared in his ad-

dress.

"Changes in our business," he said, "are so extensive and have come so rapidly that agents and field men alike are hard pressed to keep up. We speak of service beyond the contract, but first the public must be enlightened and kept abreast if we expect the total values in our product are to be appreciated."

Good public relations is advertising and sound selling in their most refined forms, he went on. The special agent has in his field club a tool through which this highly desirable public relations work can be accomplished. To be an expert in all phases of insurance would require a lifetime of study, but to be competent in many phases can be accomplished through training and education of a continuing type, geared to the needs of the territory and its future possibilities. Formal classwork and specific study are highly desirable "but a continuing forum of discussion which can be provided through field clubs and associations, helps most in the work of the present day field men."

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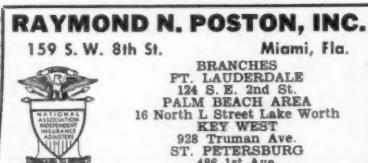


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Anticipating the electronic era in handling computations and records in an insurance office, Neal J. Dean of the technical staff of Ramo-Wooldridge Corp., Los Angeles, outlined a procedure for estimating the feasibility and value of using various types of these new machines. By charts he illustrated various methods of education as well as use and told of the types of machines now being manufactured and by whom.

Such machines, he said, can be of great assistance in handling certain rate making problems and in studies of loss ratios and other difficult mathematical operations.

Under the present administration the government has no intention of entering the insurance business, according to Frank J. Meistrall, commissioner of the Federal Flood Indemnity Administration, who outlined provisions of the act creating this facility and some of the purposes of the new law. It is the policy of this administration, he said, not to get into competition with private enterprise but, on the other hand, to get out of any business by which it does compete. He said the insurance industry has proved, by word and deed, that it will cooperate with the program to the extent of processing all applications for coverages, issuing the policies and making collections at cost. "This is a joint venture by the government and the private insurance companies," he said.

Mabel S. Carper, deputy commissioner and custodian of the documents and records of insurers for the California department, retired Feb. 28 after more than 25 years of service.

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Hearing on Bill to Permit Casualty Deviations

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the full rate must be charged even though the company knows it is going to pay a substantial part of it back.

Charles E. Hager, vice-president of American Fire & Casualty of Orlando, said his company gives a 10% credit to drivers with a no-accident record, but it is not allowed to do so in Texas.

Lowell B. Mason, former member of the Federal Trade Commission, who identified himself as unemployed but working on a book, spoke in behalf of the bill at the invitation of Vestal Lemmon, general manager of NAII. He

said the government is trying to exercise federal control over insurance and that healthy competition is needed in the casualty business. The FTC and the Interstate Commerce Commission are studying insurance and are "anxious to invoke federal powers against price fixing in insurance," he declared.

In opposition to the bill, President Gus S. Wortham of American General, speaking for Assn. of Texas Fire & Casualty Companies, said the position of his group is not that the flexible rate bill will not work, but that Texas has a bill that works better. He traced the history of Texas rate regulation, starting in 1909 when the first rate bill was passed for fire insurance. Texas is the only state that makes its own rates. For automobile insurance, he said there was no regulation until 1927 when a law was adopted for companies to file rates and classes similar to others now being proposed. The department said it was impossible to declare a rate to be adequate for one company and a different rate adequate for another, and in effect a one-rate law was used until 1937 when the present bill was passed, giving the department the sole authority to make rates. In 1945 a casualty law was adopted with many features of the bill now proposed, but the department held could not be enforced, so the single-rate law was adopted.

Mr. Wortham argued that anything that could be done under the flexible rate bill could be accomplished by the use of dividends.

Marion Sanford, speaking for Texas Assn. of Insurance Agents, urged that the bill not be passed. The agents' responsibility is to policyholders, he said, and the agents do not believe a bill will save any insured any money at any time.

William G. Walker, president of Millers Mutual of Fort Worth, said to continue the present law makes it more likely that money will be available to pay losses when they occur. The company making a profit is entitled to pay a dividend.

Sterling Sasser, local agent of Boston, representing Texas Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents, attacked an ad in an Austin paper favoring the bill, and said to permit new forms would fill the state with litigation. The public and the agents understand the present system, he remarked and there is no need to change it.

Jerome Sneed, an attorney representing American Mutual Insurance Alliance, said his organization is against fixed rates as a matter of principle, and is opposing a fixed rate bill in Oklahoma, but "because of the peculiar situation in Texas" the alliance does not feel that this is the time to leave fixed rates in that state. He said a number of low-capital companies were organized in Texas on the basis of state made rates, and until Texas insurance has become stabilized and can compete in the open market, the alliance urges delaying the bill.

Dean Couch, Security General, a member of NAII, said his company is one of the 24 NAII members opposing the bill. It will only help foreign companies take premium dollars out of Texas, he contended.

Vestal Lemmon, general manager of NAII, said he favors "regulated competition." To the charges that flexible rates allow limited form policies, he said there is only one state, Indiana,

with limited and broad form policies. The Indiana limited form is the same as the one used in Texas, and is written in Indiana by Texas companies at a 10% deviation. Member companies of Texas Assn. of Fire & Casualty Companies, he said, will deviate in Indiana, "but won't do it back home because they want the shroud of monopoly rates back home."

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Bond Producers Review Current Problems

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centage of the total surety production, to seek closer cooperation and collaboration with National Assn. of Insurance Agents and National Assn. of Casualty & Surety Agents, and to work closely with Surety Assn. of America. Current problems are such, he said, that whatever the differences of opinion of producers and companies, conference or non-conference, they should be put aside so that united efforts may be exerted to salvage, preserve and enlarge a business which is so much in the public interest and so important to the national economy.

David Q. Cohen, manager of the fidelity and surety department of Assn. of Casualty & Surety Compa-

nies, described the military housing program, under the Capehart act, and outlined the development of the bonding program required for military housing construction.

Sen. Gore, co-sponsor of the federal aid highway act of 1956, said shortage of steel, especially heavy structural shapes, and of cement, may delay the program. Sureties should keep in mind advancing prices on heavy steel, as well as the current shortage in writing performance bonds, he said.

Frank J. Rooney of Miami, president of Associated General Contractors of America, stressed three problems faced by that industry—manpower, especially civil engineers and apprentices, materials such as steel and cement, and know-how among contractors. He criticized furnishing contractors with supplies of blank bid bonds, and asked for closer screening of the contractor's ability and competence before writing a bid bond for him.

Warren N. Gaffney, general manager of Surety Assn. of America and lead-off speaker, presented a sober picture of the construction contract bond situation. Construction activity in 1956, he noted, reached a new high of \$61 billion, 3% up over 1955, and the estimated total for 1957 is \$64 billion, \$47 billion for new construction and \$17 billion for maintenance and repairs.

Yet contractor failures grow progressively worse, he declared. There were 1,305 in 1954, 1,404 in 1955 and 1,843 in 1956. Not all of these were bonded, but the contract bond losses by dollar volume were \$32 million in 1954 and \$44 million in 1955. The figures are not in for 1956.

He observed that the lease purchase program of General Services Administration has been suspended indefinitely. Also the tight money crisis has left state after state unable to sell bonds for highway, school and public works projects because the unparalleled demand for investment funds has rendered the securities in question unsalable at the interest ceilings allowed.

The problem of how to keep adequate credit constantly available for all the ventures being planned today and at the same time avoiding the dangers of inflation may be a good thing, he said. For it acts as a safety brake on the construction industry's spiral bidding for labor and materials. Is the country trying to do too much, too fast, and are the strains on manpower and other resources likely to dislocate the current economy, he wondered.

Failure by the surety and contractor to appraise correctly the latter's true financial status, including the value of his unfinished jobs at the time he contemplates bidding on new work, can prove disastrous, Mr. Gaffney said. A committee of Surety Assn. currently is working with a committee of American Institute of Accountants to develop some additional mutually acceptable and basically sound standards or recommendations.

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Schlesinger Retires, Eight Named by Springfield

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lion in 1942 to more than \$100 million today.

Mr. Schlesinger's paternal grandfather, John A. Schlesinger, was with Springfield F&M. during the civil war. His maternal grandfather, L. O. Hanson, was at one time chief of the Springfield volunteer fire department and one of the city's early fire engines was named in his honor.

Mr. McIntyre joined Springfield at Chicago in 1928. He was a special agent and assistant superintendent of the improved risks department before being elected resident assistant secretary in 1946. He became resident secretary in 1948 and resident assistant vice-president in 1955. In his new capacity at the home office he will be in charge of countrywide and Canadian field operations. Mr. McIntyre is former chairman of public relations committee of Western Underwriters Assn. and former chairman of Western Conference of special Risk Underwriters.

Mr. Chapman has been with Springfield in the investment department since 1940 and was elected financial secretary in 1950. Mr. Corder joined the company in 1911 in the statistical department, and in 1924 becoming office superintendent. He was elected assistant treasurer in 1938 and treasurer in 1950.

Mr. Spalding, a fire protection engineer and graduate of Illinois Tech, was with Illinois Inspection Bureau from 1931 until 1941, and after service in the navy joined Springfield F. & M. in 1946 as fire prevention engineer in Chicago. He later was chief engineer, and was elected resident assistant secretary in 1951 and resident secretary in 1953.

Mr. Lightfoot joined Springfield F&M. in 1928 at Chicago. He was in the improved risks, brokerage and engineering departments, and most recently has been superintendent of the loss department. Last year he was president of Western Loss Executives Assn.

Mr. Van Gaasbeck started as security analyst in the investment department in 1951 and was promoted to superintendent of that department in 1955. Mr. Linton joined the accounts department of Springfield F&M. in 1947, and was transferred to research in 1950. He was advanced to assistant superintendent of the research department in 1953 and became superintendent in 1955. Last year he was named superintendent of the statistical department.

Mr. Appleton, the new director, is a partner in the law firm of Allen, Yerrall, Appleton & Thompson. His grandfather, Julius H. Appleton, was a director of Springfield F&M. from 1902 to 1904.

Ill. Bureau Dines Gerber

Officers and directors of Illinois Bureau of Casualty Insurers were hosts at a luncheon last week to the new Illinois insurance director, Joseph S. Gerber. S. Alexander Bell, bureau manager, introduced Mr. Gerber to the guests.

C. H. Neyhart, Economu Fire & Casualty of Freeport, is president of the rating organization, which is made up of 32 independent casualty companies, most of them domiciled in Illinois.

New York Board President J. J. McGrath has appointed J. M. Kidd, U. S. manager of Norwich Union Fire, to the committee on electricity.

Fireman's Fund Victory Called Significant Opinion

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1955, we decided to secure a judicial determination as soon as possible and therefore refused to supply evidence in accordance with a subpoena issued by the commission. The U.S. district court in San Francisco declined to consider the question of commission jurisdiction and ordered the subpoena enforced merely because it had been issued with due formality.

"The court of appeals, in reversing this decision, has upheld our contention that the important question of jurisdiction must be decided at the outset. The course taken by Fireman's Fund avoided a lengthy administrative hearing when the right of the commission to hold such a hearing was doubtful."

In his statement, Mr. Crafts reiterated his conviction that the FTC's criticisms of the accident and sickness advertising material of Fireman's Fund were unfounded, and that he was prepared to contest the allegations when the important question of jurisdiction was resolved.

1958 NAIC Meeting to Be at Chicago

National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners has accepted an invitation of the Illinois department to hold its 1958 meeting in Illinois. The meeting will be in the Conrad Hilton hotel, Chicago, June 9-13. It will be the first time the association has met in Illinois since 1952.

Michigan Mutual Liability has moved its Nashville office to 1717 West End building. W. J. Strubel is manager.



Walter A. Robinson, left, former Ohio superintendent, gives his stamp of approval to pending legislation that would provide autonomy for the Ohio department. With Mr. Robinson is the Present superintendent, Arthur I. Vorys. The bill under discussion would elevate the insurance "division" to the status of "department," and the superintendent would become a member of the governor's cabinet.

The picture of Messrs. Robinson and Vorys was taken in Mr. Robinson's home, 24 Indian Springs Drive, Columbus. Mr. Robinson is still maintaining a lively interest in insurance affairs.

Late News Bulletins . . .

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FTC itself, Rep. Wolverton of New Jersey has suggested that Congress consider legislation to give it that authority. The suggestion was made as Rep. Wolverton's interstate commerce committee held its annual review of FTC operations and administration.

Chairman Gwynn of FTC stated that in his opinion the McCarran act does limit FTC's jurisdiction in the A&S insurance field, and that if Congress wants FTC to function in this area it will have to change the McCarran act.

Make Another Try for UJF in New York

After the joint legislative committee on unsatisfied judgment funds had recommended to the New York legislature that it try compulsory a year before amending it, speaker Heck of the assembly and other legislators have proposed passage of a bill providing such a fund. Heck has reached agreement with the Harriman administration and insurance superintendent Leffert Holz on his type of measure. This would be company operated. Senate leader Mahoney has indicated he approves the recommendation of the UJF committee for a year's wait.

To Air Auto Collision Overcharges

WASHINGTON—The automobile practices subcommittee, headed by Sen. Monroney of Oklahoma, starts hearings into car financing abuses, including insurance overcharges, March 18. Monroney will question witnesses on charges that automobile buyers have been overcharged \$25 million in insurance premiums by misclassification of thousands of cars as 2C when there was no under-25 bachelor in the household. The overcharges were first brought to light a couple of years ago during an examination of an auto finance insurer by the New York department. Other states then began investigations and demanding refunds, and last year Assn. of Better Business Bureaus brought out a study of the situation.

Ark. Legislature in Uproar Over School Insurance Purchasing

LITTLE ROCK—A house bill to place the purchase of insurance for the University of Arkansas, state colleges, and the fish and game commission in the hands of the state purchasing agent threw the Arkansas general assembly into an uproar here last Friday as the senate killed the bill by a vote of 12 to 18 after having passed the same earlier in the day by an 18 to 14 vote. The senate rebelled against the measure after some senators charged house members with threatening to tie up in the house the appropriation bills of these educational institutions if the bill failed to pass the senate.

The bill drew the vigorous opposition of Arkansas Assn. of Insurance Agents, which charged it was not in the public interest since it would put the placing of insurance on colleges "right back into politics," and, further, that the placing of this insurance with local boards and agencies locally whereby it could be serviced "on the ground" was a sound insurance practice. However, there were some agents in the state who individually favored the Fleeman-Bynum bill.

Resting on the house calendar with a "do pass" recommendation is another bill by Rep. Fleeman, to set up a state insurance fund for insuring state properties against fire and extended coverage. While it seems unlikely that this bill can pass both house and senate in the remaining days of the 1957 session, establishment of a state insurance fund may be high on the legislative agenda in the 1959 general assembly. The senate has adopted a resolution calling upon the legislative council to study insurance coverage on state buildings and facilities to determine the feasibility of the state becoming its own insurer.

While the fight over insurance placement has overshadowed other insurance legislation, both senate and house have passed Commissioner

Combs' recommended surplus lines law and the measure is awaiting Gov. Fabus' signature.

The fight against compulsory automobile insurance ended when the author finally withdrew the bill last week.

Still on the house calendar and temporarily "bogged down" by the fight over the purchasing bill is the measure sponsored by Arkansas Assn. of Insurance Agents, to tighten up the agents' qualification law. Another bill, to re-codify the state insurance laws, which also has the backing of Commissioner Combs has passed the senate and house.

Wallace Reid & Co., New York City agency, has been honored by Camden Fire on occasion of having represented the company for 50 years. Founder Wallace Reid and officers of the agency were presented with an illuminated scroll of commendation and inscribed silver trays marking the anniversary, at a reception and dinner in New York.

The course on commercial multiple lines by the **Insurance Society of New York** school begins March 21 and will meet Thursdays for 10 weeks.

Instructor is Plato Ccostakis of Atlantic companies. A second section will be scheduled if needed, to be instructed by Herbert Lange of Great American.



The Pittsburgh I-Day team: Joseph H. Kranz, assistant secretary of National Union, associate chairman; Paul K. Garver, state agent of America Fire group, general chairman, and Robert D. Bangs, state agent of Ohio Farmers, associate chairman.



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